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### From beyond the grave, love leads to new 'virgin' love

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

"OH, I WOULD MARRY HER AGAIN IF I could. We were soul mates and more. I loved her very much and I couldn't imagine life without her. After Julie died in 1993 I had this desire to go where she had gone and be reunited with her."

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# GMA doubted PSG-report

## Stolen US file says Palace guards were disarmed

By Norman Bordadora

AT THE HEIGHT OF THE "Hello Garci" scandal in July, President Macapagal-Arroyo was apparently so concerned about her personal safety that she ordered the presidential guards to leave their weapons in their armories so that no one of dubious loyalty could approach her with a gun.

This was revealed in a US Embassy report sent to Washington and believed to be part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation files allegedly pilfered by FBI Fil-Am intelligence analyst Leandro Aragoncillo.

Yesterday, Malacañang flatly denied the allegations contained in the US Embassy report. Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye called it "fiction." *(Story on Page A6.)*

The report was dated Aug. 8, 2005, which coincided with the time Ms Arroyo was battling a dangerous political crisis provoked by her alleged wiretapped conversations with Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano dealing with rigging the results of the 2004 presidential election.

A few weeks before the date reflected on the report, 10 senior administration officials—who became known as the "Hyatt 10"—resigned their posts and a shadowy group of young Armed Forces officials called YOU (Young Officers Union) declared its vow to oust her from office.

It was also the time that reports cropped up saying that Ms Arroyo was checking on the loyalty of officers and members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

A copy of the US Embassy report obtained by the INQUIRER said the source of the embassy information was an unnamed "Philippine military intelligence official with direct access to the information."

"The source's personal pursuits and military connections provide daily access to host country's military elite," it said.

The report said that "units assigned to security detail at Malacañang were ordered to return arms to home base armories."

"Source claimed that this action was ordered by Arroyo approximately two weeks ago and was issued to ensure no one of suspect allegiance would be able to approach Arroyo while carrying arms," it added.

Presidential Security Group chief Brig.

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### GRAVE EXPECTATIONS

Like candles melting the moment they're lit, so is birth the beginning of death.

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Niche-ing, condo-style, at the Marikina public cemetery in Barangka.

JOAN BONDOC

## GMA links Julius Babao to bailout of terror suspect

By Fe Zamora

CITING AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT, President Macapagal-Arroyo has named ABS-CBN broadcaster Julius Babao as the one who provided bail for a leader of the group of Islamic converts allegedly allied with the regional terrorist network Jemaah Islamiyah.

But Babao has categorically denied posting bail for Tyrone del Rosario Santos, alias Dawud Muslim Santos, alleged second in command of the Rajah Sulayman Movement (RSM).

"Not true," Babao told the INQUIRER on Friday by phone from Hong Kong, where he is vacationing with his wife and fellow broadcaster, Tintin Bersola.

The story has taken a curious turn. According to Babao, the bail was arranged by Jonathan Tiongco, the audio expert whom Environment Secretary Michael Defensor presented in August in an effort to prove that the "Hello Garci" tape—which purportedly showed that Ms Arroyo stole the 2004 presidential election—was fake.

The President made the disclosure about Babao to INQUIRER columnist Ramon Tulfo over lunch last Wednesday in Malacañang. She was said to have described as "very disturbing" the supposed report of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) linking Babao to Santos' case.

"If Julius did it on his own, he has to be sanctioned by ABS-CBN. Let's see what his bosses will have to say. Will they tolerate him?" Tulfo quoted Ms Arroyo as saying.

A police intelligence report on "radical Islamic converts" in the country described Santos as an "instructor" of Muslim teachings. But the Isafp described him as the second in command of the RSM.

Santos was arrested on March 22 during a raid on an alleged RSM safe house in Cubao, Quezon City, and was released on April 26 after posting bail.

Babao said the bail was arranged by Tiongco who, he said, offered to help after ABS-CBN reported Santos' arrest in a newscast. Babao said his exclusive interview with Santos was also aired along with the arrest report.

"Tiongco offered to help because he said Santos was framed. I merely connected them, that's all," Babao said.

The INQUIRER failed to reach Tiongco despite repeated calls and text messages to him.

Rear Admiral Tirso Danga, AFP deputy chief of staff for intelligence (J-2), said Friday that the military had kept silent about Babao's alleged act because "we did not want a confrontation with the media."

Danga said Babao had made critical commentaries about the military after Santos was arrested.

Santos' lawyer, Homobono Adaza,

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## Dying cheap undertaking with carton caskets

By Avie Gochoco-Perez
*Contributor*

FOR PETER TAN, DEATH IS A CHEAP undertaking.

His company, Compack Container Corp., makes some of the cheapest, sturdiest caskets in the market. They are not made of metal or wood—Tan's outfit produces caskets made of corrugated fiberboard or carton.

The cheapest caskets in the market today sell for about P4,000. They are made of plywood or *lawanit*. They are so thin, some of the dearly departed have been known to drop out when the bottoms give way. The most expensive ones are made of metal and are atrociously priced.

Tan makes carton caskets and coffins which are sturdy and don't look half as bad as most people would imagine them to be. For a few thousand pesos more, the carton caskets can be wrapped in cloth. There are plans to come out with painted caskets which would be cheaper.

"We've cut the cost drastically and the weight by almost half," says Tan, who has been in the packaging business for 25 years. His new product is the result of nearly six months of personal research and development. It is the first of its kind in the country, and patented under the trademark "Nirvana."

Carton casket prices start at P4,000 and all come with guarantees that the body will not fall out.

To make sure the carton casket will hold, Tan uses 15-ply corrugated fiberboard material. There's an inch of carton for the sides and top, and almost two inches of material for the bottom. That's three times thicker than the sides of a ba-

DYING/ A18

## Making music in cemetery, where Rey Valera found his niche

By Volt Contreras

QUITE LITERALLY, REY VALERA COMposed while others decomposed.

The multi-awarded singer-songwriter produced his break-out hits in the late 1970s in the most unlikely of creative sanctums: The town cemetery of his native Meycauayan in Bulacan.

The melody and lyrics of about half of Valera's enduring repertoire sprang to life during his teenage days—and nights—spent alone in the graveyard, guitar in hand and notebook and tape recorder at the ready for that elusive chord or turn of phrase.

When darkness fell but still the creative juices kept flowing, he would light a candle on a stranger's tomb—not to hold a vigil for the dead, but to linger a little longer with the life-affirming forces that move artists.

Between 1975 and 1977, the then "nerdy" accounting student and struggling composer made his sessions among the tombs an after-class routine.

He found his needed place of solitude after moving to an aunt's home, which had the *sementeryo* for a neighbor.

"Punch a hole in the wall of our dining room and you could see the *nichos* (tombs). That's how close we were to the graveyard," said a smiling Valera, now 51.

Not that there's anything creepy or occult behind "Ako si Superman," "Malayo Pa Ang Umaga," and his other songs of love and longing, which, almost three decades later, remain radio favorites and are constant themes of romantic Pinoy films—even, of late, a Filipino-dubbed Korean soap.

*"Nagkataon lang* (It was only by chance). I went to the cemetery because I had no money and nowhere else to go," he said, as soft-spoken as when he is singing.

Rey Valera Guardiano came from a broken home.

He spoke about the highs and lows of his life in an interview on Friday, with Ditas—once upon a time his fellow choir member in Meycauayan's St. Francis Catholic Church and now his wife of 26 years—sitting in.

Family strife sent Valera and his brother moving from one address to another; sometimes they ended up enrolling in two or three different schools within a year.

This repeated uprooting left him feeling like a constant "outsider" in the households and neighborhoods he was forced to call home.

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**WEATHER FORECAST**

FORECAST: Eastern and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will have cloudy skies with rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of Luzon will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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# GMA: Stop illegal mining on Diwalwal

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO YESTERDAY ORdered a stop to all illegal mining operations on Mt. Diwalwal to prevent more deaths from the unsafe mining practices and intense rivalries at the Compostela Valley gold-mining village.

"I share the grief of the bereaved families in the grave tragedy and I want a strict enforcement of regulations that would forestall a recurrence. Our people on the ground will try to save lives and prevent the loss of more in this gold rush area," the President said in a statement.

A series of explosions last Wednesday caused a tunnel in the mountain mining village to collapse, causing the death of 12 people. Several miners remain trapped in the mine.

Ms Arroyo said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources would conduct a thorough investigation to determine culpability.

The President has ordered the Office of Civil Defense and other agencies to speed up the search-and-rescue operations in order to save as many lives as possible.

Yesterday, a mine company official and police said the bodies of four more miners were recovered from the collapsed tunnel, bringing to 12 the total confirmed dead.

Most rescue work was suspended on Friday due to toxic fumes, but Reynaldo Española, vice president and spokesperson for mine owner JB Management and Mining Corp., said vacuuming the gases from the tunnel and pumping in fresh air had let rescuers recover the four bodies later in the day.

Española said about seven other miners were still in the mine, disputing village leaders' reports that dozens remained buried in the tunnel in the mountain village of Mt. Diwata, also known as Mt. Diwalwal.

It was not clear whether any of those trapped could still be alive in the approximately 1 km-long mine tunnel.

Village chief Franco Tito, quoting blast survivors, said that about 50 people were still in the mine, though he felt it was unlikely that they were alive.

However, Española said that "if there were that many, there would be crying widows here now – but there aren't."

Small-scale mining operations in Monkayo sometimes employ people on an informal basis, making it difficult to keep track of the number of workers on site.

Española also disputed reports, attributed to other survivors, that a dynamite cache in the tunnel had caused the blast. He declined to comment when asked if the company used explosives.

"The cause of the explosion is still undetermined," he said, adding that engineers have speculated that a pocket of methane gas exploded.

Provincial police chief Senior Supt. Nestor Quinsay said he sent a bomb squad to the site yesterday to determine whether explosives caused the blast.

Española hinted that the discrepancy in the casualty figures may have been due to political rivalry. He said the village chief lost to the brother of the mine owner in last year's mayoral election in Monkayo town, under which jurisdiction Mt. Diwata falls.

The mountainous gold-rush area has also been the site of bloody conflicts over mining claims with occasional cases of people sabotaging the mining tunnels of rivals.

Carmelito Lupo, the local civil defense official, said JB Mining and Management Corp. was trying to clear out the toxic fumes which were hampering rescue efforts at the collapsed mine.

Aurelio Pagaran and Jerry Alquezar, two of the rescuers, said that though their spirits and willingness to help were high, their bodies simply could not endure the fumes.

**RESIDENTS** of Mt. Diwalwal mill about waiting for word on the victims of the latest tragedy to hit their village.

DENNIS JAY SANTOS, PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

"It was thick and smelled bad," said Pagaran. He said he went into the tunnel three times but gave up on his fourth attempt.

He said none of the rescuers were wearing gas masks.

"When you smell the air inside the tunnel, you will become weak," said Alquezar.

There were reports reaching the INQUIRER that two of the rescuers had died from suffocation but nobody could confirm this. *Reports from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., AP, Reuters, AFP and Joselle dR. Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

# Drilon's brother quits aggie post

THE EXODUS OF OPPOSITION ALlies in the Arroyo administration continues, with the brother of Senate President Franklin Drilon resigning from his post as an undersecretary at the Department of Agriculture.

Agriculture Undersecretary for Fisheries and Legislative Relations Cesar M. Drilon Jr. has filed for terminal leave and will step down by the end of the year, according to a Malacañang official. The INQUIRER called up his DA office last week and was told Drilon was on leave.

The Malacañang source said Drilon had found it "untenable" to continue serving under President Macapagal-Arroyo after his brother publicly demanded her resignation on July 8, shortly after a group of Cabinet secretaries now collectively known as "The Hyatt 10" resigned and demanded the same of her.

Drilon had been touted as the next agriculture secretary in the President's post-election Cabinet after the province of Iloilo – Senator Drilon's bailiwick – voted overwhelmingly for Ms Arroyo.

But Drilon's hopes to get the post were dashed when the President picked her former student, Arthur Yap, to replace then Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo. Drilon was again bypassed by the President when she picked Domingo F. Panganiban to replace Yap, who was forced to resign on June 30 after a tax evasion case was filed against him and his father by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Drilon's is the latest in a growing number of resignations in the Arroyo administration as former allies have become or been considered enemies of the President in the aftermath of the Hyatt 10's mass resignation.

Among those who quit ahead of Drilon were Corazon Guidote, presidential consultant on investor relations; Vicky Garchitorena, consultant on good governance and poverty alleviations; and Francisco Licuanan III, chair of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority and consultant on the development of Subic and Clark. Malacañang has also tried to ease out Education Undersecretary Juan Miguel Luz but he has challenged the legality of the order removing him. *Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

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# GMA confidant likely replacement for Tiglao

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**

MARITA "MAI MAI" JIMENEZ, REFERRED to by many as a "shadowy power broker" in the Arroyo presidency, could be back in the Palace soon in a more powerful post.

Jimenez reportedly leads the short list of candidates to replace Rigoberto Tiglao as chief of the Presidential Management Staff. Tiglao has accepted an appointment to be the Philippine ambassador to Greece.

Another name on the President's short list is her economic adviser and former student at the Ateneo de Manila University, Albay Rep. Joey Salceda, who is in line to head the House appropriations committee next year.

A Malacañang source said the President wanted to have a quick replacement for Tiglao to prevent the PMS from missing its stride with Tiglao's imminent departure.

The PMS functions as the President's in-house think tank and is responsible for testing the implications of policy initiatives that are the key to her economic and political reform program. It is also supposed to provide the vision to the President's strategies, programs and statements.

The source said the PMS had been noticeably "laid back" since Tiglao underwent a heart bypass operation shortly after he was appointed to the post in August 2004.

The source said the President wanted the PMS to reassert itself as a "powerful house of ideas" by getting someone new to take charge of it immediately.

Jimenez, an Assumption College classmate of the President and a colleague when Ms Arroyo was an undersecretary at the Department of Trade and Industry more than a decade ago, is a member of the President's inner circle. She has handled a number of sensitive functions for the President, ranging from media affairs to election campaign funds distribution.

Jimenez was a presidential adviser on overseas development before being appointed to her current lucrative post as alternate executive director of the Asian Development Bank.

Before her ADB appointment, Jimenez had reportedly been lobbying for a more influential post in the Palace, as some sort of reward for her perceived contribution to the President's election victory in May 2004.

She resurfaced in Malacañang at the height of the "Hello Garci" scandal in July, joining the President's crisis management team.

# Gloria 'on ropes,' should fire advisers, says Gordon

**By Norman Bordadora**

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO HAS been badly served by her advisers who came up with such ill-advised and divisive policies as the calibrated pre-emptive response to rallies and the prohibition of Masses for the opposition in the churches near Malacañang, an administration senator said yesterday.

"The President should fire some of her advisers. They are letting [non-issues] become issues," Sen. Richard Gordon said at the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo breakfast forum.

In remarks to reporters after the forum, Gordon said the President was "very ill-advised."

"She's drawing more flak.... I look at Gloria as somebody on the ropes. The President is afraid to do anything," he said.

Gordon asked why the administration could not just let the anti-Arroyo protesters be. He said government officials should not infringe on the freedom of expression.

As for the request of the Presidential Security Group commander, Brig. Gen. Delfin Bangit, for the churches near the Palace to disallow Masses attended by anti-Arroyo forces, Gordon said Bangit "should have consulted lawyers, good lawyers."

"A leadership that is afraid cannot lead.... A poor leadership that is afraid cannot make changes," he said.

Gordon said the President should meet with the opposition.

"We already know what we disagree about. Let's talk about what we can agree on," he said.

Gordon said there were five things that Ms Arroyo should do to show that she was doing something concrete for the people.

He said the President should run after criminals, generate jobs by shifting the budget priorities to tourism and trade, boost tax collection, close the gap in education and health, and make the government "fast, fair, firm, friendly and forward-looking."

"The government must stop going around the ropes and start hitting the right spots," Gordon said.

# Nene wants Senate to probe fire

THE SENATE SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE possibility that Friday's fire at the Department of Budget and Management was deliberately set to destroy documents pertaining to the P728-million fertilizer fund scandal, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. said yesterday.

"I think this will be included by Sen. (Ramon) Magsaysay Jr. in the investigation of his committee on the fertilizer fund anomaly," Pimentel said in a phone interview.

The Senate committee on agriculture is looking into the use of P728 million that was originally intended to purchase fertilizer and other farm inputs for poor farmers but was allegedly diverted to support President Macapagal-Arroyo's campaign in the 2004 election. The committee has obtained the testimony of former Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin that the money was released to then Agriculture Secretary Luis "Cito" Lorenzo within one day, three months before the presidential election.

Pimentel and other opposition leaders have expressed suspicion that the fire was an attempt to cover up the alleged fund diversion. The fire gutted the computer server room of the DBM near Malacañang two days after the Senate hearing.

"Emy (Boncodin) more or less said that the records were in the office and it is easy to attribute this as the reason for the fire," Pimentel said. "We have to look deeper into this incident because the implications are terrible." *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

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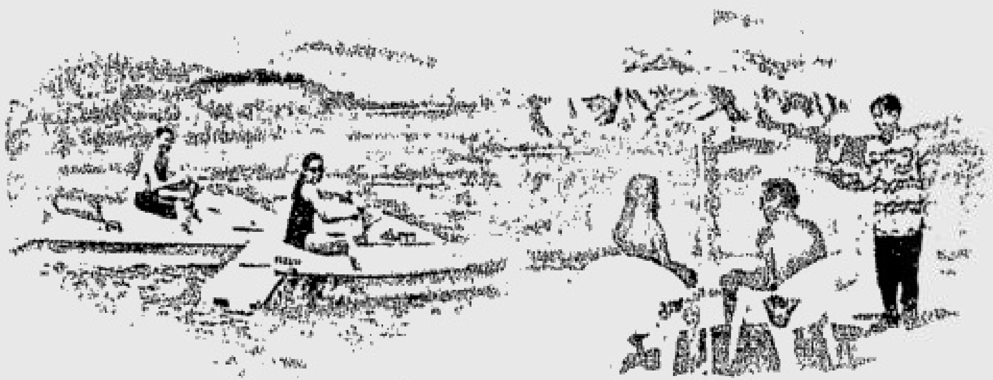

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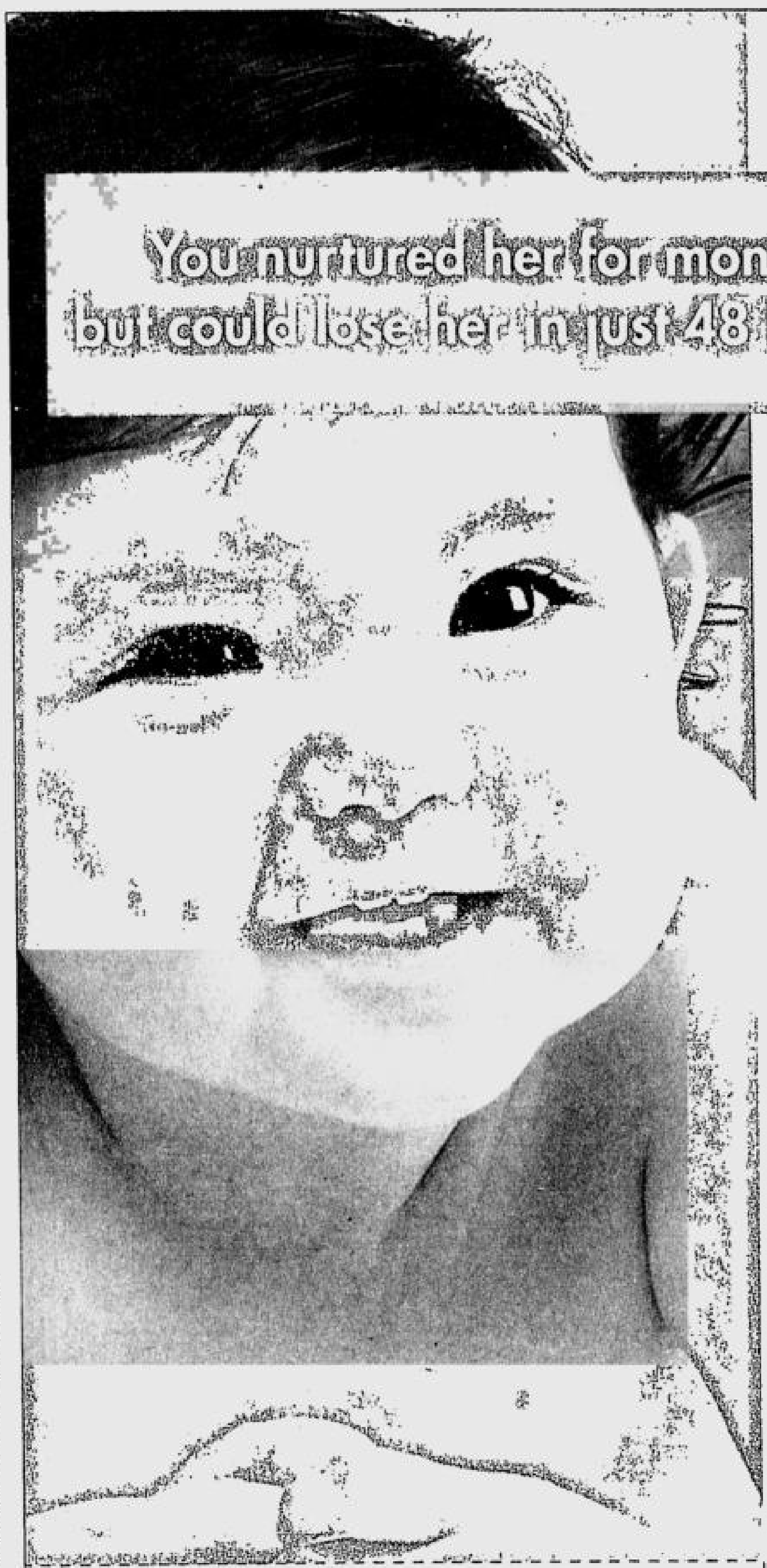

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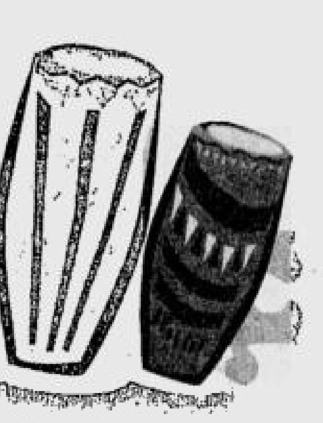
| 11–12nn | **Grief Work**<br>*Agnes Prieto and Sonia Saldaña*<br>(Facilitator, Healing Circ<br>A Grief Support Group) | **Zen Meditation**<br>*Sister Sonia Punzalan*<br>(Zen Master)<br>(PhD in Anthropology<br>(Cenacle Nun) | **Integral Yoga**<br>*Raya Mananquil*<br>*Corey Wills*<br>(Yoga Teachers) |
| 2–3 pm | **Nutritional Healing**<br>*Grace Eleazar*<br>(Former Officer-in-Charge, Institute of Traditional and Alternative Heath Care) | **Sharing the Third Eye Benefits on Daily Life**<br>Gina Lopez and Friends<br>(Managing Director, ABS-CBN Foundation) | **Aikido: Wholistic Self Defense**<br>*Ernie Tolag*<br>(Aikido Master and Black Belter) |



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| Paper Print | Age Group 4-6 |
| Favorite Earth Woods | Age Group 10-12 |
| Earth Slogans | Age Group 13-15 |
| Handpainting | Age Group 4-6 |
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| 2:00 pm-3:00 pm | Fitness for Bikers (& Dads) | Sabok Sports | Hydroponics | Eladio Guevarra (GEO Farm) |
| 3:00 pm-4:00 pm | Organic Backyard Farming | Ed Guevara | Camping | UP Mountaineers |

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12:15-1:00 PM - Exotic Bird & Reptile Show @ the Petron Ampitheater
1:15-2:00 PM - KALUMAD Katribu Koleklib at the Petron Amitheater
5:30-6:00 PM - Inauguration of the Petron Ampitheater (site proper)
6:00 PM - Jazz Festival at the Petron Ampitheater

**Day 2**
10:00-11:00 AM - Sunday Mass
11:15-12:00 NN - Wildlife Educational Show at the Petron Ampitheater
12:15-1:00 PM - Kirtana Band at the Petron Ampitheater
1:15-2:00 PM - Exotic Bird & Reptile Show at the Petron Ampitheater
4:30-5:00 PM - Inauguration of the SHELL Flower Terrace (site proper)
5:00 PM - Neo-Ethnic Festival at the Petron Ampitheater

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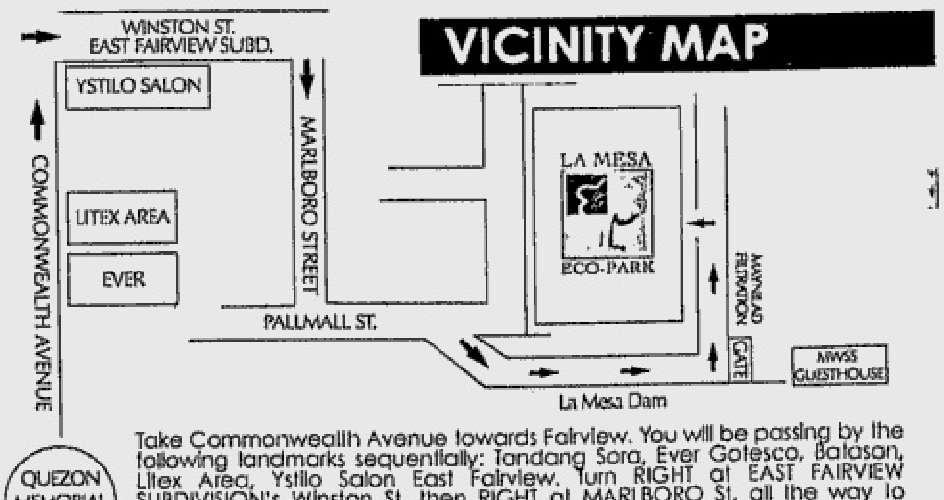

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# Filipino, Indian priests killed

KINGSTON, JAMAICA – TWO TRAINEE ROman Catholic priests from India and the Philippines were shot dead as they washed dishes at their missionary base in the Jamaican capital, police said Friday.

Police said they believed the same bullet may have killed Suresh Barwa, who was from India, and Marco Laspuna, from the Philippines.

Barwa died on the spot in the kitchen of the Missionaries of the Poor Thursday night while Laspuna died in a hospital four hours later.

The incident happened at about 9 p.m. in the missionary group's Corpus Christi premises in the crime-riddled downtown district of Kingston. Jamaica has one of the highest murder rates in the world.

Father Richard HoLung, head of the Roman Catholic missionary order, told reporters: "We had just finished having supper and five brothers were in the kitchen washing dishes when a bullet went through the brother's head." HoLung said none of the missionaries had an idea where the firing came from. *AFP*

# Abu Sayyaf member in Sipadan kidnap shot dead in Jolo

JOLO – ONE OF THE ABU SAYYAF KIDnappers who helped abduct Western tourists from a beach resort in Sipadan, Malaysia, in 2000 has been shot dead by a policeman in Jolo, an official said Saturday.

Lalong Parad, who took part in the abduction of 21 German, French, Finnish and South African tourists and Malaysian and Filipino resort workers, was killed late Friday, police operations chief Julkiram Kanain said.

Policeman Bas Isad noticed that Parad and three other gunmen were staking out his house and confronted them. Parad then drew a pistol but Isad shot him first, causing the three other gunmen to flee, Kanain added.

Police said they believed Parad and the others intended to kill Isad, who leads an anti-drugs task force in Jolo.

The Abu Sayyaf has been involved in the worst militant attacks in the Philippines.

Most of the captives in the Sipadan incident were freed only after a hefty ransom was paid. *AFP*

## THE DAILY GOSPEL

**Sunday, October 30, 2005**
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** **Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10**

God's messengers who do not speak God's word

For I am a great King and my Name is respected through all the nations, says Yahweh of hosts.

Concern yourself to glorify my Name, says Yahweh of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse even your blessings.

But you, says Yahweh of hosts, have strayed from my way, and moreover caused many to stumble because of your teaching. You have broken my covenant with Levi. Therefore I let all the people despise you and consider you unworthy, because you do not follow my ways and you show partiality in your judgments.

Do we not all have the same father? Has the same God not created all of us? Why, then, does each of us betray his brother, defiling the Covenant of our ancestors?

**2nd Reading:** **1st Thessalonians 2:7-9,13**

Paul, a good messenger of the Lord

We were gentle with you, as a nursing mother who feeds and cuddles her baby. And so great is our concern that we are ready to give you, as well as the Gospel, even our very lives, for you have become very dear to us.

Remember our labor and toil; when we preached the Gospel, we worked day and night so as not to be a burden to you.

This is why we never cease giving thanks to God for, on receiving our message, you accepted it, not as human teaching, but as the word of God. That is what it really is, and as such it is at work in you who believe.

**Gospel:** **Matthew 23:1-12**

They do not practice what they preach

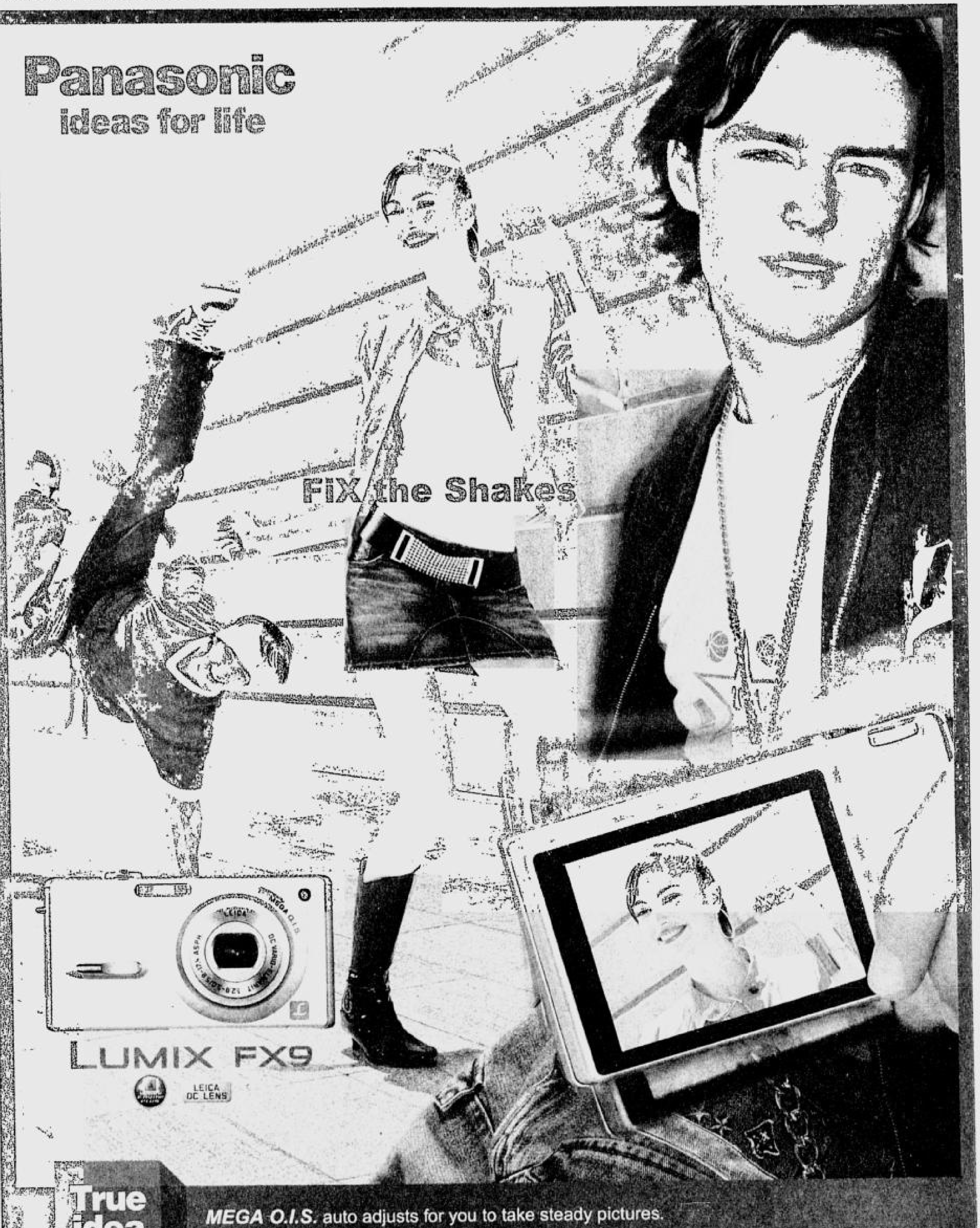
Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:

"The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees sat on the seat of Moses. So you shall do and observe all they say, but do not do as they do, for they do not do what they say. They tie up heavy burdens and load them on the shoulders of the people, but they do not even raise a finger to move them. They do everything in order to be seen by people; so they wear very wide bands of the Law around their foreheads, and robes with large tassels. They enjoy the first place at feasts and reserved seats in the synagogues, and being greeted in the marketplace and being called 'Master' by the people.

"But you, do not let yourselves be called Master because you have only one Master, and all of you are brothers and sisters. Neither should you call anyone on earth Father, because you have only one Father, he who is in heaven. Nor should you be called leader, because Christ is the only leader for you. Let the greatest among you be the servant of all. For whoever makes himself great shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be made great."

**Commentary**

*Jesus preaches openly to the people, warning them not to do what the leaders do, but to obey the word they speak. They don't obey their own teachings, laying burdens on the poorest, the widow and those struggling just to survive. They are intent on their own positions and honor, not God's. We must remember that we are all the brothers and sisters of Jesus, in one family and we call God, OUR FATHER and Christ is our only leader-the crucified one, beloved of God. We must imitate Jesus who humbled himself among us and we are to care for one another as Jesus has cared for us, revealing God's concern for us all. We must live truthfully with the honor of our calling as the beloved children of God and we must live humbly with the remembrance that it is our God who has loved us and brought us to live with one another in justice and peace. We must be careful that we do what we claim to believe in and not live lives that decry our words. The year is almost gone—if we were to be judged on this year and our lives' truthfulness what would our God have to say about us?*



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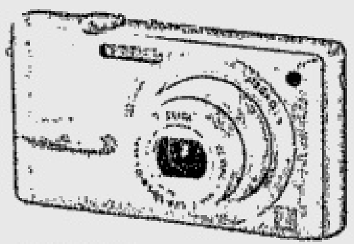
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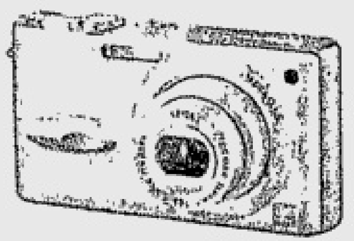
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# Bunye on US Embassy report: Fiction!

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**

MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY FLATLY denied that President Macapagal-Arroyo had ordered her bodyguards disarmed at one point, and that elusive former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano had used her family home in Mindanao for a hideout.

"I have to congratulate you. Your fiction stories are getting better," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a text message to the INQUIRER.

For its part, the Presidential Security Group denied that it had at any point ordered Ms Arroyo's security detail to be stripped off their arms.

"All the President's bodyguards carry firearms with them, that is our policy. That has not been changed at any point," said PSG head Brig. Gen. Delfin Bangit in a phone interview.

Although he could not get into too much detail on the PSG's security policies, Bangit said all bodyguards of Ms Arroyo had gone though a long process of training and background checks before they were hired for the job.

"We are professional soldiers and protecting the President is part of our job," said Bangit. He refused to divulge the size of Ms Arroyo's pool of bodyguards.

On reports that Ms Arroyo had wanted her bodyguards to be unarmed, Bangit said that these were "untrue."

However, a Malacañang official said that it was a matter of policy not to allow bodyguards to carry handguns when assigned close to the President.

"This is standard operating procedure in all security coverage of heads of state. Close-in bodyguards should always be unarmed because they could be a threat to the one they are protecting," the official said.

The same official also disputed the claim that Ms Arroyo had allowed her ancestral home to serve as a hideout for Garcillano.

"Her home is in Timuga, Lanao del Norte. It is inside Timuga Springs, a resort full of people every day and her house is open to the public during daylight hours," the source said.

# GMA doubted PSG–US Embassy report

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Gen. Delfin Bangit denied the report, saying it was PSG policy for its men to carry firearms with them and this policy had not changed. *(See story above.)*

The embassy report also spoke of Garcillano's supposed whereabouts.

## Garcillano's 'hiding place'

"Possibly related to the embattled Philippine President's attempts to retain her position, Comelec Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano is hidden in a home owned by the family of President Arroyo in Iligan," the report said.

The embassy information appeared to jar with what the Philippine government was to say later in the month, specifically on Aug. 18, that Garcillano had flown to Singapore a month earlier, specifically on July 14, and that he left Singapore a day later for an unknown destination.

He was later reported to have gone to Europe.

To this day, his whereabouts are unknown.

## 'A bum steer'

A Malacañang official, asking not to be identified, dismissed as "koryente" (a bum steer) the claim that Ms Arroyo's ancestral home had been used as a safehouse for Garcillano.

The embassy report carried a letterhead that appeared to be a US government seal and had the words "Executive Secretariat" and "Operations Center."

The document said that the "reporting officer" at the embassy and the unidentified Filipino military source "had meetings and meet on a regular basis."

## Same source

"Source is available for recontact," the two-page report said.

The report was given to the INQUIRER by the same source of the so-called FBI files that were supposedly passed on to Filipino opposition politicians and became the subject of an INQUIRER series of reports last month.

Like some of the other papers, the Aug. 8 report did not contain the name of the embassy official who supposedly prepared it.

Aragoncillo and former Philippine police officer Michael Ray Aquino, to whom he also reportedly gave the documents, have been arrested in the United States on charges of spying.

# FVR dares US gov't to explain coup plot report

**By Nikko Dizon**

WARNING OF REPERCUSSIONS ON US-Philippine relations, former President Fidel V. Ramos last night challenged the United States to explain a US Embassy report linking him to a supposed planned coup against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"If the US Embassy here in Manila refuses to make any clarification of that nasty report, nasty to me personally but even nastier to the people of the Philippines, I challenge the person in charge of intelligence in Washington DC, and that is former Ambassador to the Philippines John Negroponte to override all of these subordinates of his in the US Embassy to come out with the truth of the matter," a visibly irked Ramos said.

"Is there such a report? What is the content of the report?"

Negroponte is now on top of the integrated intelligence services of the United States.

At one point, the 78-year-old former President said: "This is at the risk of spoiling the good solid bilateral and regional relations between the Philippines and the US."

Ramos' outburst was triggered by a story in the INQUIRER about a US embassy report dated last Feb. 24 touching on supposed conspiracies against Ms Arroyo.

According to the report, Ramos gave his former national security adviser, Jose Almonte, until June to implement the plan against Ms Arroyo.

Ramos spoke at a press conference held at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Centennial Terminal 2 upon arriving from Guangdong, China.

## It's only fair

He challenged embassy officials, led by Charge d'Affaires Paul Jones, as well as the US government itself, to explain the alleged embassy report for the sake of the strong alliance of the Philippines and the United States.

"Since even the US Embassy refuses to clarify anything about that report, which I have not seen at all except in your newspapers, I now challenge the US Embassy, beginning with the acting ambassador, to come out with his embassy's explanation."

Ramos added: "It is only fair to the Philippine government and to our people that a good ally, such as the US, should not put at risk our good, our solid bilateral relations."

Noting that the United States and the Philippines were solid regional partners, Ramos said: "Let them come out with their explanation. First, what is in the report? Second, how come it is [in] the hands of just one newspaper?"

## 'Obviously wrong'

The former President has been credited with playing a major role in keeping Ms Arroyo in power when he rallied Lakas leaders in July to support her shortly after 10 of her senior officials resigned and urged her to step down.

Ramos also said he was "reacting strongly" to the INQUIRER story because it was in the headlines "and it is obviously wrong, as far as I am concerned."

Asked why the public seemed to believe that he was still interested in returning to power, Ramos blamed the "incorrect" media reports for insinuating such.

He noted that he had already proposed that in the event of a shift to a parliamentary system, Congress pass a law prohibiting former presidents, like himself, from running for prime minister and limiting the choice of prime minister to those aged 59 and under.

The US Embassy has refused to comment on the INQUIRER's stories that were published dealing with supposed confidential files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the Philippines.

The FBI documents which were the subject of the INQUIRER stories were believed to be part of the files allegedly stolen by the FBI's former Fil-Am intelligence analyst Leandro Aragoncillo and passed on to opposition personalities here.

Embassy spokesperson Matthew Lussenhop has said that "it is the longstanding practice of the embassy [not to] comment on reports based on classified documents provided by anonymous sources."

## Irresponsible

Ramos said that the US government itself should explain the alleged reports if its embassy officials continue with their silence.

He said that if the documents were classified, he believed the "US government owed it to the Philippine government, either on a President-to-President basis or on a national director on intelligence-to-National Intelligence Coordinating Agency basis, to exchange official communication about this."

Ramos described the supposed embassy report as "irresponsible."

## 'Look at history'

Ramos also defended himself by reminding the media to "look at history."

He said that as Armed Forces chief of staff and subsequently defense secretary, he helped then President Corazon Aquino beat back nine coup attempts during her tenure.

# From beyond the grave, love leads to new 'virgin' love

From page A1

Retired business executive Alfredo Yñiguez says this with a yearning in his voice but now with a lightness that hints he has come to terms with her physical absence.

With the passing of time, he says, her presence in his life has become more pronounced. Grief has lifted and he is moving on, assured she is with him every step of the way.

Yñiguez's wife Julia left this world 13 years ago but communication—or maybe communion—between them continues to this day, he says.

If grief had its way, Yñiguez, now 75, should be in a sorry state but, to his and his doctors' surprise, he is experiencing rejuvenated health and vigor.

Not only that, physical ailments have either vanished or been kept at bay.

His secret? Virgin coconut oil (VCO), his ever virgin love for Julie and hers for him. Because of these Yñiguez has not stopped pushing the limits of his newfound energy and testing the efficacy of the so-called oil of life.

## Human guinea pig

"I am now presenting myself as a human guinea pig in the search for a cure for the bird flu," Yñiguez declares. "I want to be exposed to the virus, even consume the meat of an infected chicken. These, of course, should be done in the context of a supervised scientific experiment. I will sign a waiver freeing anybody of any responsibility for whatever happens to me."

Just say where, when, how.

Yñiguez feels sure the experiment would prove something—that VCO could be a weapon against the dreaded bird flu virus (H5N1) that world health experts say could kill millions of people.

The virus has already infected more than a hundred people in various countries in Asia and Europe. While the virus has not reached the Philippines, health officials have warned that it is not a matter of if but of when.

Has Yñiguez gone coco-loco over VCO? Or is this is a death wish disguised as altruism? "No, this is not a death wish," he told the INQUIRER. He had long been over that.

How then did this desire come about? Who, what pushed him?

An engineering graduate of the University of the Philippines, Yñiguez had also wanted to be a doctor. He pursued his love for medicine by attending short courses on health in US institutions, such as the famous Mayo Clinic.

## Oil of youth

"I am like a mad scientist," Yñiguez said.

He is not afraid to try the efficacy of certain products on himself. VCO surprised him, made him feel as if he had suddenly found the oil of youth.

In 2003, Yñiguez said, he tried making some VCO at home. He had heard about its health benefits and wanted to try it. He took several teaspoons of the oil every day and later increased his intake to tablespoonfuls.

"Since childhood I had always been susceptible to respiratory ailments," Yñiguez said. He was also averse to coffee and alcohol. One sip was enough to make him sick.

Until several years ago he was taking an anti-arthritic drug. One day, his eye doctor told him he also needed a cataract operation.

"After taking VCO regularly in 2003, I noticed changes in myself," he said. "I was hitting the golf balls better and I could focus well."

Stricken in the past with respiratory ailments, he has not had a cold since 2003.

## Trying the limits

"The mad scientist" wanted to try his limits. He asked a relative to make brewed coffee and together they had cup after cup after cup. To Yñiguez surprise, he not only survived the caffeine of five cups, he also loved the brew.

"I said, wow, I missed this all my life." He slept soundly after that.

Alcohol was next. Yñiguez bought all kinds of strong spirits. First he tried beer and whiskey, a bad combination. But he was okay. Then he had brandy, cognac and vodka, all in succession. But he was still on his feet.

He was amazed.

When the eye doctor told him he would need an operation for his cataract in a few months, Yñiguez said he'd think it over. A series of tests confirmed he needed surgery.

## Cataracts gone

"I decided to use VCO as eye drops," Yniguez said. He used the oil every day for two months without his doctor knowing about it.

"I went back to the doctor. After he examined my eyes he said, 'Hey, hey, hey, what happened here? You don't need an operation.' I later went to another doctor, who said the same thing."

## Jun and Julie

Jun Yñiguez and Julie Reyes were married for 40 years. Their marriage was blessed with eight children.

"I am a very lucky man," Yñiguez said.

They met at the University of the Philippines on Padre Faura when they were in their teens. He studied mechanical engineering, she took up pharmacy. Shortly after he passed the board exams, the two tied the knot at the Malate Church.

"We got married rather early," Yñiguez recalled, "because Julie's family was leaving for abroad. She had to make a decision to either go or to stay. Her father was among the first graduates of West Point and had served as the Filipino aide of Gen. Douglas McArthur."

It was a happy union.

"I imagined ourselves growing old together," Yniguez mused.

In 1990, Julie got sick of cancer and underwent chemotherapy and radiation for three years.

She died in 1993, leaving him depressed.

"We were all together in the hospital," he recalled. "She didn't want us to be sad and was telling anecdotes. When we were alone she talked about our children ... Then she asked us to all go home and rest. She died a few hours later. I was not there and that was really hard for me."

The first two years were most difficult.

"I sold our house in Valle Verde in Pasig because her absence there was unbearable," Yniguez said. "Everything reminded me of her. I wanted to die in order to be with her."

He felt like he was groping in the darkness. "But I thought, maybe God had assigned her to do something. And now that she is done with it I can feel her presence."

Grief has lifted at last.

Yñiguez has since transferred to a new place in San Antonio Village in Makati. He visits Julie's resting place several times a month.

" I go there to pray. I talk to her in the context of prayer, sometimes silently, sometimes audibly."

It is during these moments when he is in deep prayer that he says Julie speaks to him, in a way that could be heard only with the heart.

## 'My favorite teacher'

Flushed with the positive effects of VCO, Yñiguez wants to give back and give of himself. The bird flu scare is real and is there something he could do?

"I asked Julie in prayer, what I should do," he said. "I could see Julie with her finger pointed upward. She said, 'Look for my favorite teacher.'"

He recalled that Dr. Conrado Dayrit was her favorite teacher.

A known pharmacologist, cardiologist and medical science researcher, Dayrit has done research that showed the efficacy of VCO in lowering the viral count and raise the CD4 lymphocytes of HIV-AIDS patients. He is the author of the book "The Truth About Coconut Oil: The Drugstore in a Bottle."

Last week, Yñiguez tracked down Dayrit to air his proposal. They had known each other for years, before coconut was declared a "sunset industry."

Dayrit has himself made study proposals on the bird flu virus and VCO to the health department. He thought Yñiguez's proposal should not be ignored.

Now, Yñiguez said, "I could see Julie chuckling."

JULIUS BABAO: It was audio expert Jonathan Tiongco who posted bail for Santos.

# GMA links Julius Babao to bailout of terror suspect

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told the INQUIRER on Friday that he had received a request from Tiongco—a friend of his—to make a court representation for the grant of bail to Santos.

He said he complied, and then met with Tiongco who arranged for the bail.

"I saw Babao at the court because he covered the hearing," Adaza said.

In another interview with the INQUIRER yesterday, Adaza said there was only one bail hearing, wherein he succeeded in convincing the court to reduce the recommended bail amount of P200,000 to P40,000.

"I am a sucker for underdogs, especially those from Mindanao, who cannot get good lawyers," Adaza said in the course of explaining why he had agreed to stand as Santos' counsel.

## 'Continuing the story'

Babao confirmed that he covered the hearings at the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 96, where Santos had applied for bail.

"I was the last person he talked to, so I felt I had to continue the story," Babao said.

Judge Afable Cajigal approved the bail, and ordered Isafp to immediately release Santos.

Media reports said Santos left the Isafp compound at Camp Aguinaldo in an ABS-CBN van that was waiting for him at the gate.

Reports said Santos was arrested by the Isafp on the strength of a warrant issued in 2002 by a Tarlac court for illegal possession of firearms, explosives and ammunition.

He had earlier posted a bail bond of P80,000 for illegal possession of firearms seized from the Santos farm in Barangay Malong, Anda, Pangasinan, in May 2002.

His March 22 arrest also led to a raid on another alleged RSM safe house in Fairview, Quezon City. In that raid, lawmen supposedly confiscated 10 sacks of ammonium nitrate, a chemical used in the manufacture of bombs; 18 bomb canisters, a personal computer and a camera.

The military said the RSM and the extremist Abu Sayyaf had planned to use the explosives in a bombing spree during the Holy Week.

## Police sweep

Santos' arrest was part of a police sweep on suspected terrorists following the Feb. 14 bomb blast in a bus at the busy Edsa-Ayala junction in Makati and the March 15 riot at the Camp Bagong Diwa prison.

Arrested along with Santos were Pio Abogne de Vera (alias Ismael de Vera), Marcelo Cenar Egil, Allan Borlagdatan (alias A. Hakim), Redendo Cain Dellosa (alias Habil Akmad Dellosa) and Angelo Trinidad (alias Anis).

Trinidad was among those sentenced on Friday to die for the Valentine's Day bombing in Makati, while police had identified Dellosa as the main suspect in the May 2004 bombing of the SuperFerry 14.

Borlagdatan was shot dead by lawmen after he allegedly grabbed a gun and shot his police escort in Camp Crame last December.

## Ahmed Santos

According to the police intelligence report, Santos is the brother of Ahmed Muslim Santos, a former overseas Filipino worker in the Middle East identified by security agencies as the founder and leader of the RSM.

The document said Ahmed (also known as Abu Lakay) organized the RSM and trained its members in terrorism at the 18-hectare Santos farm in Anda sometime in 1999 and 2000.

On May 1, 2002, a police raiding team found a school building devoted to Islamic studies, or a madrasah, at the Santos farm. The farm also had sentries and foxholes, according to the document.

A follow-up raid on another suspected "training base" located in San Clemente, Tarlac, was conducted on the day of Santos' arrest.

But Ahmed Santos, the alleged leader, eluded the raiding team, the report said.

# Strict monitoring to keep bird flu out during SEA Games

**By Christine Gaylican**

FOREIGNERS PARTICIPATING IN THE Southeast Asian Games in Manila in late November will not be exempt from the strict protocols being implemented here to prevent the entry of the dreaded avian flu virus into the country.

Many of the athletes, sports officials and visitors who are expected to arrive for the SEA Games in the next few weeks are from the avian flu-afflicted countries of Thailand, Burma (Myanmar), Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia.

## Subject to rules

They will have to be subjected to the system of rules and acceptable behavior drawn up by the authorities to ensure that the Philippines remains bird flu-free, Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban told a press briefing on Friday.

Panganiban said the Bureau of Animal Industry had asked Jose "Peping" Cojuangco, the president of the Philippine Olympics Committee, to adopt "biosecurity measures" and guidelines drawn up by the bureau for the duration of the games, which will start on Nov. 27.

## 'Biosecurity' guidelines

In a letter to Cojuangco on Oct. 26, BAI Director Davinio Catbagan urged the Philippine Olympics Committee to impose these strict "biosecurity" guidelines for the participating athletes, coaches and support staff of the SEA Games.

He said the POC should transmit the guidelines as part of its travel advisory to participating countries.

The foreign participants are prohibited from visiting any live poultry facilities in their home countries – like farms, hatcheries or poultry processing plants – at least 72 hours before their scheduled arrival in Manila.

Just before departure, they are to put on clean clothes and wear shoes that could easily be cleaned upon arrival in Manila.

They are not to bring in any live poultry, wild and domestic poultry meat, and other related products.

## Body temperature screening

Upon arrival in the Philippines, they would have to go through such protocols as foot baths and body temperature screening at the airport.

They are to proceed directly to their places of residence in the Philippines and change clothes immediately. The clothes would have to be washed immediately. Shoes used should also be immediately disinfected with alcohol or any house disinfectant.

The foreign participants are forbidden to visit any live poultry facilities or poultry processing plants during the entire length of their stay in the Philippines.

The Philippines, Singapore and Brunei are the only Southeast Asian countries still free of the deadly H5N1 strain of the avian flu virus that has killed thousands of fowl and poultry and caused the deaths of 62 people in the region.

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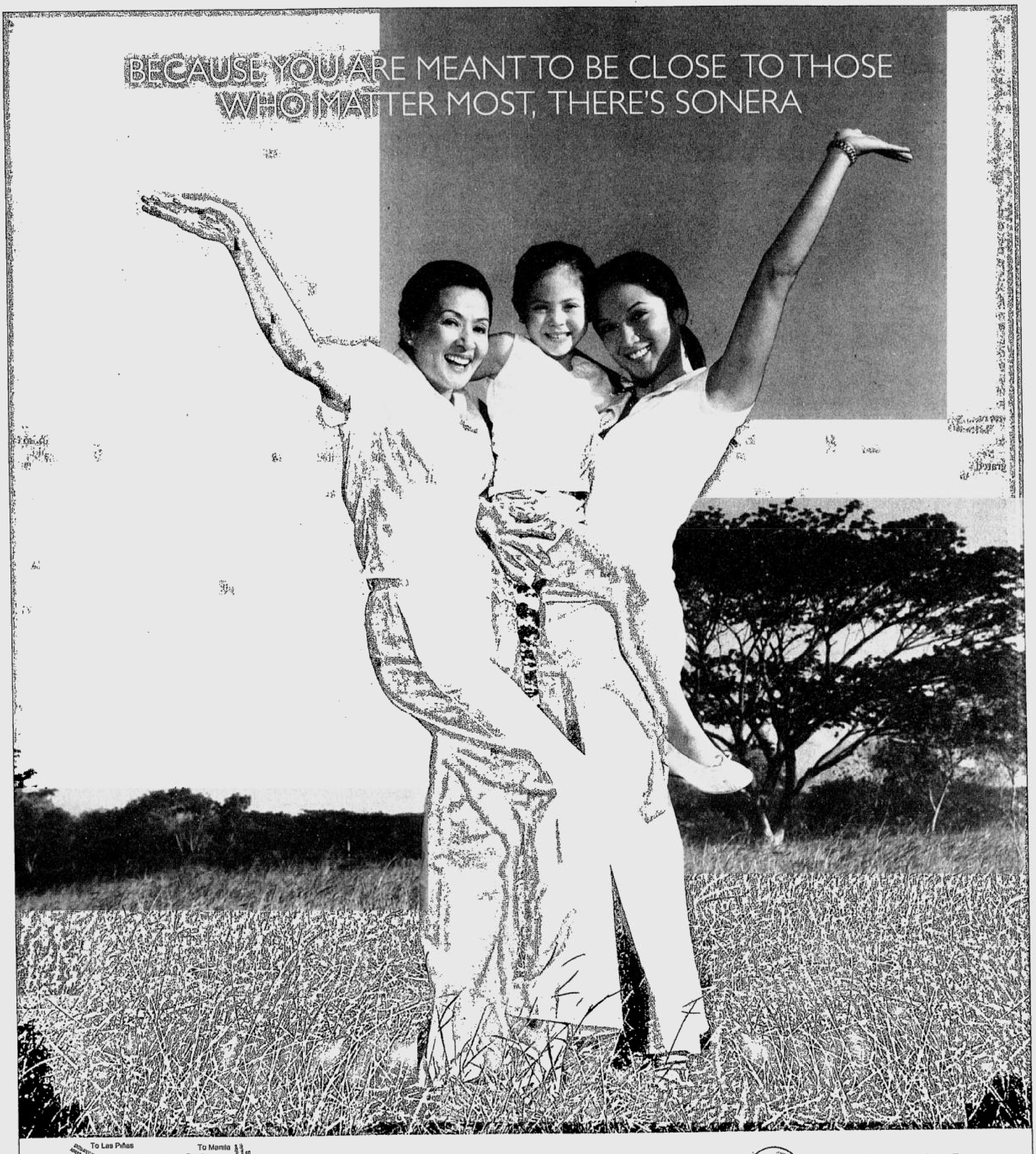
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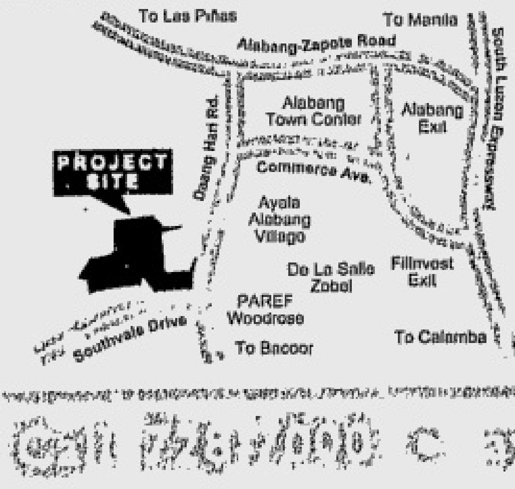

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# Lying charge rocks Bush administration

WASHINGTON—A FEDERAL GRAND JURY DRAMATICALly charged top White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby Friday with lying to investigators in a CIA leak probe that has rocked President George W. Bush's administration.

Libby, 55, announced his resignation as Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff after he was indicted in a case which ignited fresh controversy over the US rationale for war with Iraq.

He faces one count of obstruction of justice, two counts of perjury and two counts of making false statements to investigators and to the grand jury looking into the leaking of the identity of a CIA agent.

Libby faces as many as 30 years in jail and a $1.25-million fine if convicted on all five counts laid by special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, which raise the prospect of a gripping and potentially politically damaging trial.

Bush's political guru Karl Rove, also in Fitzgerald's sights during a two-year probe, was not indicted, but will remain under investigation, his lawyer said.

"When citizens testify before grand juries, they are required to tell the truth," said Fitzgerald, who has previously indicted Osama bin Laden, politicians and mobsters.

"The requirement to tell the truth applies equally to all citizens including persons who hold high positions in government."

Fitzgerald was tasked with finding out whether senior Bush administration officials broke the law by knowingly exposing CIA agent Valerie Plame.

Plame's husband, former diplomat Joseph Wilson, had claimed her cover was blown to discredit him, after he questioned whether the Bush administration had "twisted" intelligence in the push to war with Iraq.

The indictment was a severe blow to Bush after the defeat of his Supreme Court pick Harriet Miers and his struggles with high gasoline prices, falling approval ratings and the fallout from Hurricane Katrina.

Libby's exit also is seen as a loss to a White House in which his boss, Cheney, has wielded real influence, particularly on foreign policy. "He functions as a chief of staff, but he also knows Cheney's thinking on defense and national security issues better than anyone else," says James Mann, author of a book about the Bush administration's war cabinet, "Rise of the Vulcans."

Bush said the proceedings were "serious" but praised Libby, saying "Scooter has worked tirelessly on behalf of the American people and sacrificed much in the service to this country. He served the vice president and me through extraordinary times in our nation's history."

Libby said in a statement that he had done nothing wrong. "I am confident that at the end of this process I will be completely and totally exonerated."

Fitzgerald alleged that Libby lied to FBI agents who interviewed him on Oct. 14 and Nov. 26, 2003 and to the grand jury in March 2004.

The charges said Libby obstructed the course of justice by impeding the grand jury investigation into the unauthorised disclosure of Plame's identity.

He was not however charged with knowingly blowing the cover of Plame, the alleged offense that triggered Fitzgerald's investigation.

Fitzgerald told Rove, meanwhile, that he had not decided yet whether to indict him, Rove's lawyer Robert Luskin said, adding he was confident his client would be cleared.

Fitzgerald's conclusions will reopen debate over whether the administration manipulated intelligence to launch the Iraq invasion in 2003, at the start of a conflict which this week claimed the 2,000th US military death.

Senator John Kerry, the Democrat who lost to Bush in the 2004 election, said the Bush administration "will be indicted in the high court of history" over its drive to war with Iraq.

The Washington Post, in an editorial, said that "the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice filed yesterday against … Libby are serious and appear to be backed by substantial evidence.

Still, "nothing in this indictment suggests a broad-based conspiracy that requires endless further investigation by Congress or others. Nor does this case prove (or refute) charges that President Bush misled the country about the grounds for war," the Post underscored. *AFP*

**LIBBY, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, testifies on Capitol Hill in this March 1, 2001 photo.** AP

## *Low-profile prosecutor stops capital in its tracks*

**By Todd S. Purdum**

WASHINGTON—THE CAPITAL STOPPED in its tracks on Friday to watch a trim, plain, soft-spoken prosecutor whose voice it had barely heard in two years call the most important aide to the most powerful vice president in American history a liar. Politely, calmly, but firmly—and over and over again.

So be it that the prosecutor, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, brought no charges on the issue that prompted his investigation: whether someone in the government committed a crime by leaking the classified CIA identity of the wife of one of the sharpest critics of the Bush administration's rationale for war with Iraq. He offered renewed evidence of that oldest of Washington axioms: The cover-up is always worse than the crime.

In an hour-long, live television news conference, Fitzgerald said that Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis Libby, had repeatedly told FBI agents, and later a federal grand jury, that he was "just passing gossip from one reporter to another at the end of a long chain of phone calls" about the identity of the agent, Valerie Plame Wilson. "It would be a compelling story that would lead the FBI to go away," Fitzgerald said. "If only it were true."

"We didn't get the straight story," Fitzgerald said, explaining his hitherto secret investigation and sometimes inscrutable moves. "And we had to—had to—take action."

As Fitzgerald spoke from the Justice Department, the cable television networks showed only mute, miniature split-screen images of counter-programmed live speeches by President Bush at the White House and Cheney in Savannah, Ga.

Bush had begun the day by leaving the jurisdiction, for a speech in Norfolk, Va., in which he thanked his audience "for the chance to get out of Washington." He ended it with a terse, angry-looking expression of regret at Libby's resignation, standing on the South Lawn of the White House, just yards from the spot where Clinton spoke defiantly on the day of his impeachment, before joining his unsuccessful Supreme Court nominee, Harriet E. Miers, for the helicopter flight to Camp David for the weekend.

Valerie Wilson's husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson IV, who cast doubt on the administration's prewar assertion that Iraq had tried to buy uranium from Niger, did not get his wish to see Bush's chief political aide, Karl Rove, "frog-marched" from the White House. Fitzgerald brought no charges against Rove. But the investigation is continuing, preventing the president from being able to make a clean breast of the matter.

And Fitzgerald's unvarnished charges that Libby lied repeatedly about his knowledge of Valerie Wilson's role (when his own notes showed that Cheney was one of those who told him most explicitly that she was involved in counter-proliferation work at the CIA) kept alive questions about whether the administration misled Congress and the public with its original rationale for a war with Iraq that this week saw its 2,000th fatality. *New York Times News Service*

# 3 blasts rock New Delhi, killing at least 22

NEW DELHI—A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS shook New Delhi on Saturday evening, with blasts tearing through markets jammed with shoppers ahead of an upcoming Hindu festival, officials said. At least 22 people were killed, they said.

At least 60 people were wounded in just one of the blasts, in the Paharganj neighborhood, according to a policeman who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. Dozens more were thought to have been hurt in the other incidents.

Police declared a state of emergency and all markets in the city were ordered closed, although there was no immediate explanation for the blasts.

"I appeal to you. Please disperse from the markets and go back to your families," Home Minister Shivraj Patil said in a televised address.

The explosions came days before the festival of Diwali, a major Hindu holiday where families gather to exchange gifts, light candles and celebrate with fireworks.

Witnesses said the blasts rocked entire neighborhoods.

According to Jagtar Singh, a spokesperson for the Delhi fire department, seven people were killed in the first blast in the crowded central neighborhood of Paharganj; 12 died in a blast in the market in the Sarojini Nagar neighborhood, and three were killed in a bus in the Govindpuri neighborhood. He had no further details.

While the Indian government faces opposition from dozens of militant organizations—from tiny fringe organizations to well-armed Kashmiri rebel groups—there was no immediate official word that the explosions had been caused by bombs. *AP*

# Iran head stands by call for destruction of Israel

TEHRAN—PRESIDENT MAHmoud AHmadinejad, cheered by thousands of supporters, signalled on Friday that he stood by his call for Israel to be wiped off the map.

But Ahmadinejad's remarks were condemned by the UN Security Council later on Friday, saying all UN members should refrain from threatening or using force against another country.

Iranians chanting "death to Israel" and "death to America," converged from nine points in the Iranian capital for a rally attended by most of Iran's top officials. Some protesters set fire to or trampled on Israeli and US flags.

Ahmadinejad took a short walk in the crowd, rallying in support of his comments that the Islamic world could not tolerate the Jewish state in its heartland. He said Western criticism carried no weight.

"My words are the Iranian nation's words," he told the official IRNA news agency, when asked if he had a message for the world.

"Westerners are free to comment, but their reactions are invalid."

The Islamic Republic has never acknowledged Israel's right to exist. It denies training and arming Palestinian militant groups dedicated to Israel's destruction but says it gives them moral support.

The UN condemnation, endorsed by all 15 council members, was delivered in the form of a press statement—rather than at a formal council meeting, which would give it more weight.

Algeria, the only Arab council member, objected to the open meeting.

"The members of the Security Council condemn the remarks about Israel attributed to H.E. Mr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, president of the Islamic republic of Iran," said Mihnea Motoc, Romania's ambassador and current council president. *Reuters*

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# 2 new bird flu deaths suspected in Vietnam

HANOI—TWO PEOPLE SHOWING SYMPTOMS of the bird flu virus have died in the past week in Vietnam, where the disease has already killed more than 40 people, hospital officials said on Saturday.

"It's very, very clear that all the critical symptoms pointed to bird flu," Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Tai, the director of the Vietnam-Cuba Hospital in Dong Hoi, central Vietnam, said.

The Tuoi Tre (Youth) newspaper quoted a report from the hospital in Quang Binh province as saying the victims, a 14-year-old girl and a 26-year-old man, had eaten duck and a chicken's egg around a week before they got sick.

The girl was admitted to hospital on Oct. 21 and died on Oct. 23 and the man died on Oct. 26 within an hour of arriving at the hospital. Their bodies had been sent home to be buried, Tai said.

He said the victims were not related and from different towns in the province, about 500 km south of the capital Hanoi.

"People are taking absolutely no caution at all and chicken and ducks are still consumed normally, which is very worrying," said one health official at the Bo Trach district clinic.

Officials also said poultry flocks in the two districts had not been vaccinated against bird flu due to lack of vaccines.

Most human bird flu infections are due to handling birds sick with the virus or contact with their droppings. Cooked meat is not a known source of infection.

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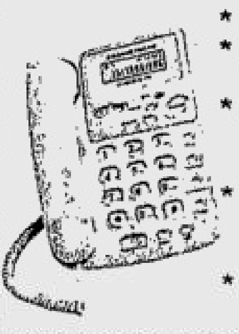

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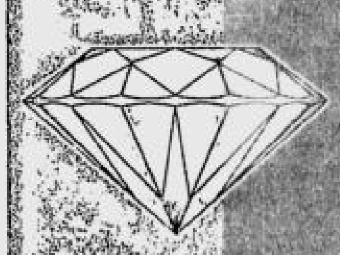

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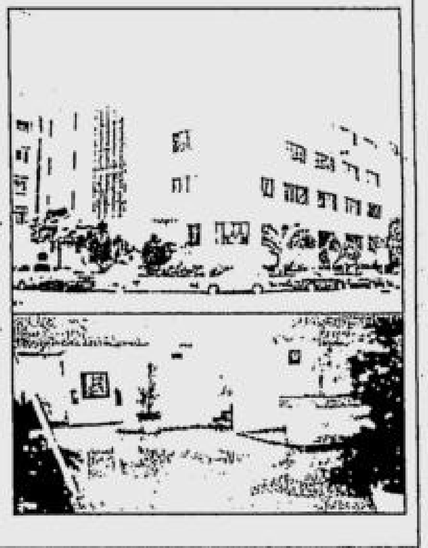

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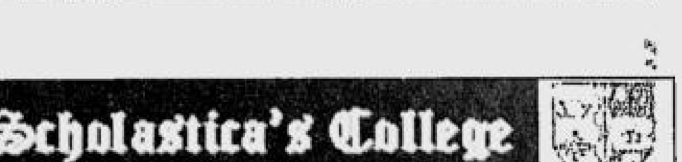

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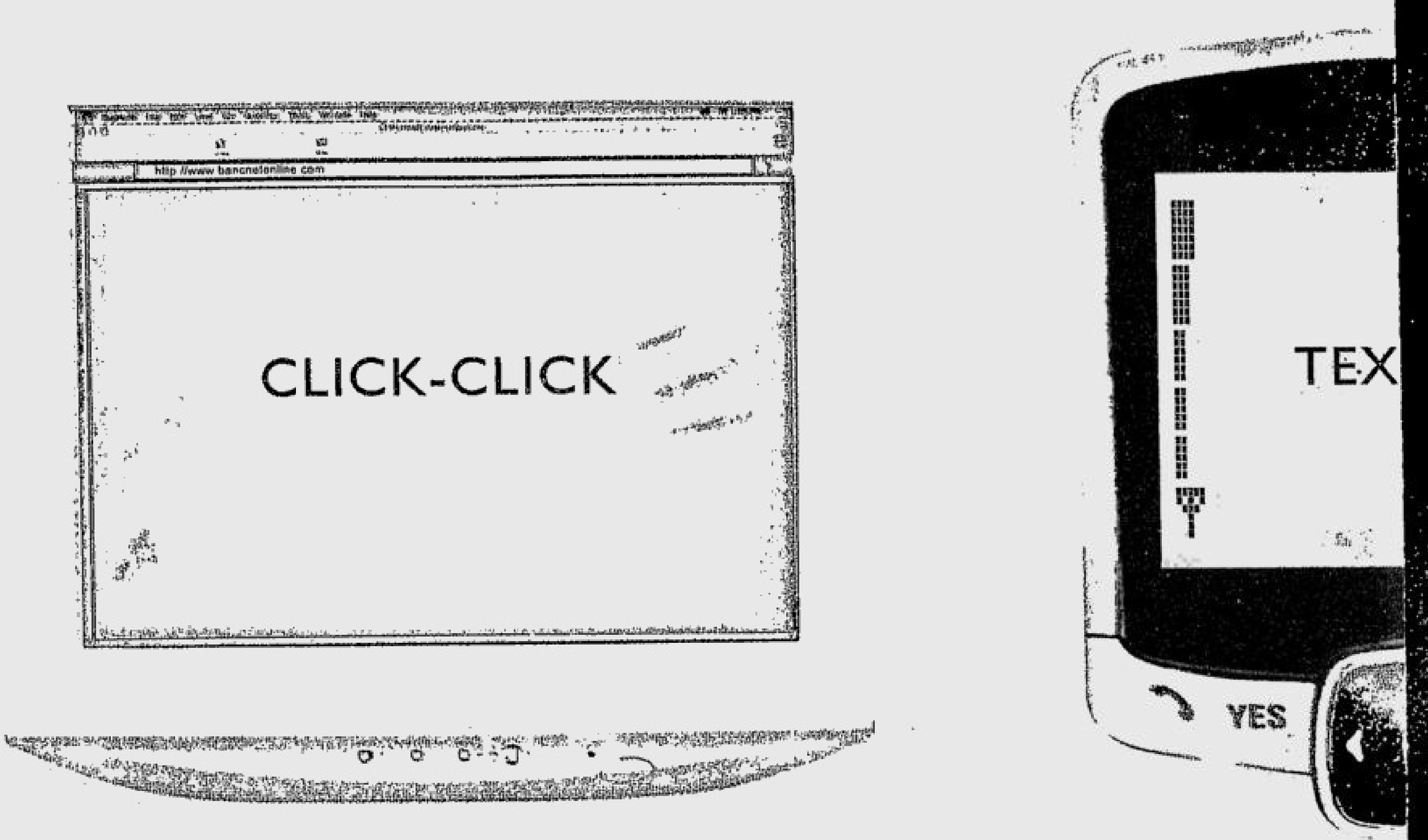

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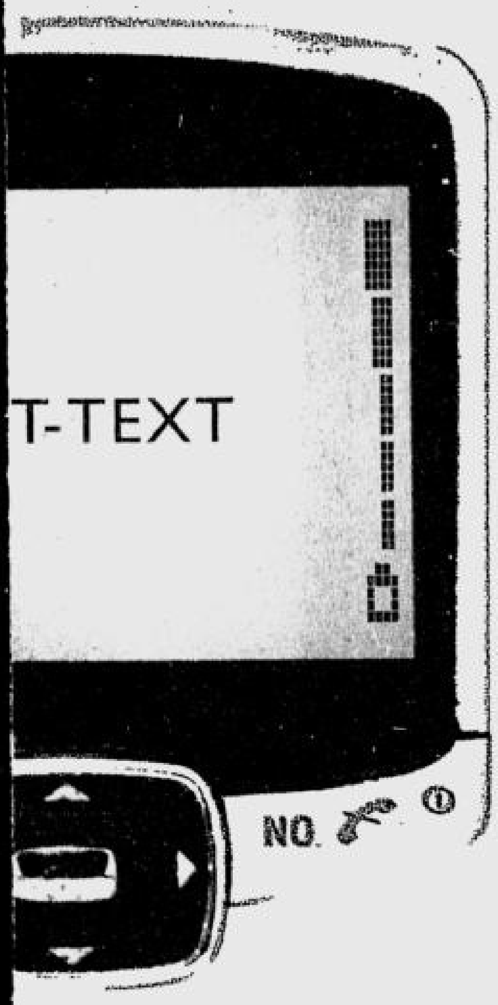

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**EDITORIALS**

## Dead bodies

IT IS, OF COURSE, TOO EARLY TO REACH DEFINItive conclusions, but last week's frenzy of killings in Central Luzon, beginning with the shooting of Hacienda Luisita labor leader Ricardo Ramos, seems to place the burden of explanation on the controversial Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan.

Since his assignment on Sept. 1 as commanding general of the 7th Infantry Division, at least 16 leaders or members of so-called militant groups in Central Luzon (by the count of Karapatan, a human rights watch group) have been assassinated. That total now includes Ramos; Francisco Rivera, Bayan Pampanga chair; and Federico de Leon, Piston Bulacan president (plus two companions of Rivera, who happened to be jogging with him last Wednesday).

On Thursday, Palparan denied masterminding the killings. "They automatically blame me for the killings," he said, referring to the militant Left. "They're creating an image of me as a criminal. They make me a symbol of military abuses. They do all these to remove me from my post."

He said he could not have ordered the killings for two reasons. "Legally, I have no right to order the killings of civilians. My troops in detachments and stations are after rebels." And he said he had barely warmed his post. "If I had planned these, it would have taken me [a] long [time] to carry these out."

But Palparan has a reputation that precedes him: In his two previous postings, he was accused of committing over 500 human rights violations, including the killing of Eden Marcellana, Eddie Gumanoy and other leftist activists. It was as commanding officer of the 204th Infantry Brigade that he earned his gory nickname, the "Butcher of Mindoro." The accusations only continued during his short stint as commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division in Samar.

While Palparan is quick to remind anyone that the cases against him have been dismissed, the reputation he has earned does have its uses, especially among the soldiers who fight the communist insurgency day in, day out.

The problem arises when the commanding officer refuses to make distinctions between underground insurgents and above-ground activists. "There were no big changes [in the 7th ID's area of operations]," he told the INQUIRER two weeks ago, revealingly, "except that my arrival has been a thing to the enemy, including the militants." And then again, referring to the party-list groups vocal against his confirmation as two-star general: "We could easily note their connection [to] the CPP-NPA [the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army]."

But the last time we checked, widening the democratic space was state policy. Making participation in the political arena more attractive and more accessible was official policy. Thus, Palparan's refusal to follow the government line on the role militant groups can play in matters of state is not a mere difference of opinion; it can easily be turned into a sanction for murder.

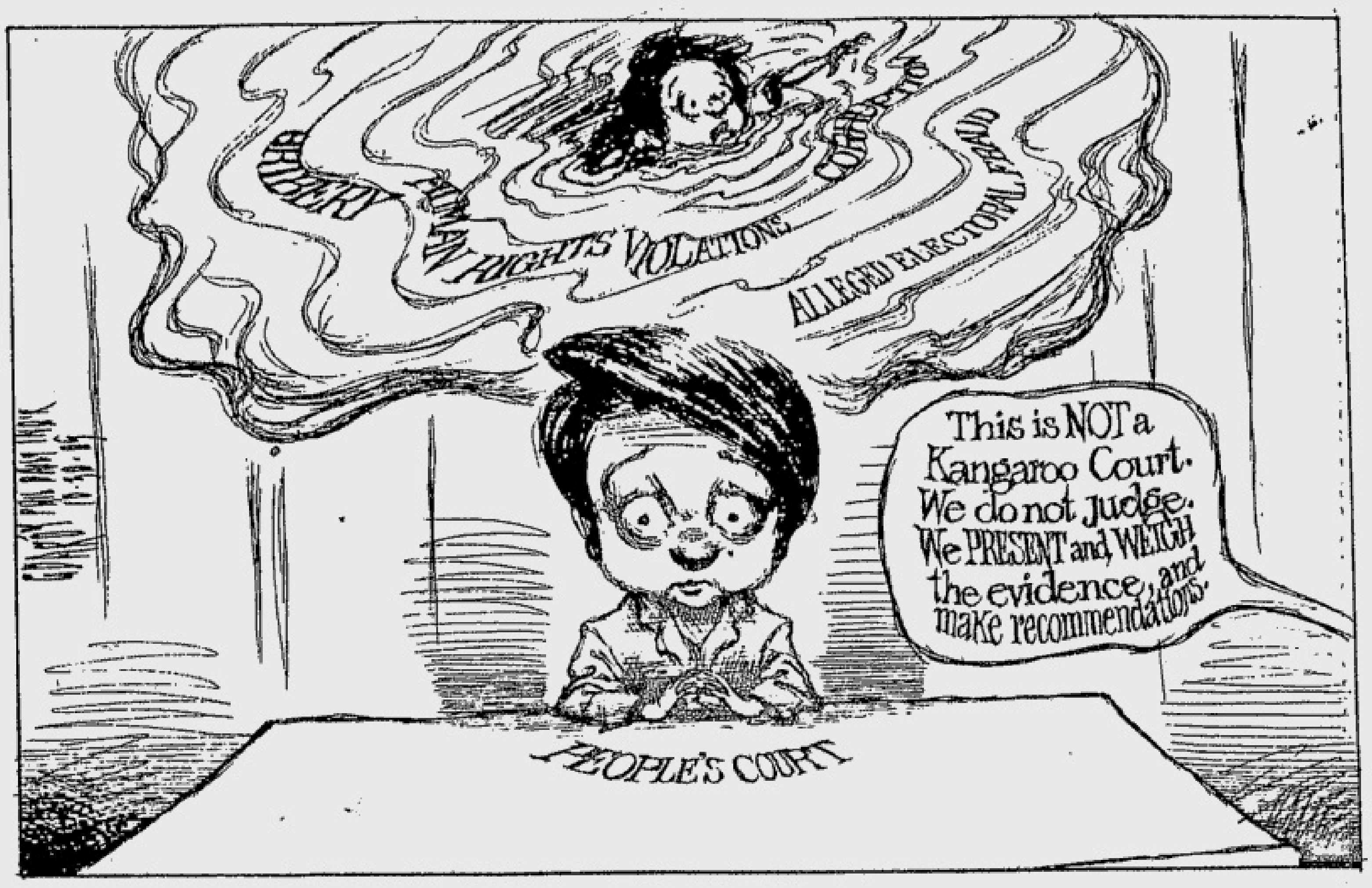
Does it surprise anyone, then, that two army sergeants are the first suspects in the Ramos killing?

## More dead bodies

AN OFFICER, NEW TO THE JOB, KNOWN FOR strict military discipline and devotion to his men. A battle-tested unit, always in the news. Not least, a reputation for leaving a trail of dead bodies behind.

Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan? Try Panfilo Lacson, who assumed the leadership of the Philippine National Police in November 1999. On his first full day as PNP chief, Lacson and his anti-crime campaign "got off to a blazing start" (in the words of the newspaper report): Policemen belonging to Lacson's Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force killed seven alleged robbers and a bystander in Fairview, Quezon City, in what witnesses described as a bloodbath. Sen. Aquilino Pimentel immediately called on the PNP to explain itself. "Otherwise, the apprehension will continue that extrajudicial killing or vigilante justice is now taking place all over the country." Sen. Raul Roco said he sensed "the beginnings of an evolving garrison mentality."

Today, of course, Lacson is a senator of the realm, and in fact a member of the Pimentel-led opposition. But the extrajudicial killings continue, the long grey line of dead bodies, perhaps, even picking up pace in the last seven years. It is only the political interests, the alignments, that have changed.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## 'Putting away the lamp'

**SEPARATE OPINION**

*Isagani A. Cruz*

I WAS MOVED BY THE FOLLOWING LETTER written to her cousins by my niece, Clarissa Virginia Galera, that I would like to share with you for the moral lesson it suggests in the face of deep personal tragedy that would have devastated any one without her compliant resignation to the cruelties of fate and her faith in the healing power of prayer and love. This is what she wrote:

"Last October 4, Melba Moreno-Valdez succumbed to breast cancer. Tristan Vicente M. Cruz lost his own battle with tongue cancer on October 13. In a span of nine days, I had lost my only brother and my best girlfriend from work. Having my life diminished by the passing of two persons very close to my heart, how is it that I am still standing?

"Melba and I met in 1973 at the Metals Industry Research and Development Center. We surprisingly bonded notwithstanding the fact that Melba was based at the MIRDC laboratories in Bicutan while I was assigned to the private sector doing information services from our Greenhills office. Our friendship soon blossomed to encompass our respective partners, and as our individual families grew, it naturally bound our children as well.

"As many true friendships go, ours also transcended the boundaries of time and space as our interaction, after we left MIRDC at different times, took the form of occasional lunches, birthday blow-outs, beauty salon trips, hitting the malls, emoting over cups of coffee, and Christmas family reunions, up to a point.

"She had kept her condition a strictly-guarded secret even from her relatives, friends, and associates for almost 18 months; like them, I was only informed about it a few days before her death. I rushed to her bedside but unfortunately she was already disoriented, shriveled and moaning in pain. She had decided to leave the hospital after her body rejected a second round of chemo when the doctors could no longer inject chemicals into her collapsed veins and her cancer had spread to her liver and bones. She died the next day after I had made my peace with her.

"At her necrological service that I emceed, I lamented the fact that I was not there to lighten her load through the sickness, to help her choose a wig or a turban, or even just to hold her hand through her chemo sessions. Her children now rib me about how their Mom, the big boss of a multinational firm, was scared to death to make amends with me, an aggrieved housewife and mother.

"On the other hand, I take solace in the fact that I was able to help, one way or another, Tani in his plight.

"Since the start of his cancer, I had tried to be around. I made myself available for every time Ann wanted or needed to talk. I was able to help take care of Tani after his first operation. I knew every decision he and Ann made for his alternative treatment. I shared each happy day and bemoaned every disappointed episode.

"What I lacked in monetary support, I more than made up for in prayers. My children have since tagged me with the monicker Great Catalyst, a deodorized version of promoter. In the final days, I am happy that my cousins overwhelmingly responded to my cry for help; that Mama agreed and was able to spend more than a week with Tani; and that Candy heeded my call and blessed Tani with a deep moment of prayer.

"I had stared at death from cancer in the faces of my brother and best friend. I had been robbed by this dreadful disease twice in a little over a week. I had personally witnessed how two loved ones took opposite points of attack, and how both failed.

"However, I shall not dwell on this but, rather, build upon its lessons. God overcomes all evil. No matter how well we steer our ship, we are not the Captain. Faith and trust should prevail. There is magic in prayer. Family will always be there, regardless. True friendship knows no bounds. There is no better time than the present. Never be too timid or too proud to show your feelings. Heroism resides not only in heroes. Extend yourself. And LOVE...love till it hurts, because in spite of everything, it makes me see, through my tears, the beauty of life beyond."

My favorite quotation about the life beyond Issa envisions is from Rabindranath Tagore, who said, "Death is not extinguishing the light. It is putting way the lamp because the dawn has come." The dawn must come for all of us. And when it does, let us say with General Stonewall Jackson before he breathed his last from a fatal bullet, "Let us cross the river and rest in the shade of the trees."

## Servant of all

**MOMENTS**

*Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD*

MY BROTHER MANONG OSCAR WAS ONE OF those hit by a water cannon at the Mendiola bridge by the police last Oct. 14. When I met him after that incident, I said to him: Congratulations, Manong! You are the first member of our family to be canonized!

It was my way of saying I admired him for his convictions and my being one with him in that humbling experience for the sake of service to our people.

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**In today's Gospel (Mt. 23, 1-12) Jesus speaks about true servanthood: "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." The true servants of the people are those who sacrifice for the people, not those who sacrifice the people. What has happened to our public servants? They have made the public their servants. They have even made our sacred institutions their own corporations to protect their selfish interests and to cover up their deeds of corruption. We now have here a case where, instead of becoming a servant of all, the greatest among us has made a servant of us all.**

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Pity people who lie. They always have fear by their side. Pity people who lie for liars, *mga alalay na nagiging alay. Aray*! (Supporters who are sacrificed. Ouch!) What will it all add up to? More lies and more lies. In the meantime, peace and progress are passing us by because our public servants are busy covering their lies.

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**Two days ago, I left my cell phone inside the rest room of a Shell station in Mexico, Pampanga. My panic turned to joy when someone answered my call to my lost cell phone. It was in the office of Edwin Reyes, the owner of the gas station. Arthur Legaspi from Cavite found it and left it there, together with his phone number. I would like to publicly thank this Protestant brother for his honesty and integrity, and for reenforcing my belief that Filipinos, in general, are not cheats and liars. Some are, maybe, but not all.**

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On our way back to Manila from the Holy Land, one of our pilgrims almost passed out because of high blood pressure. Dr. Phil Fernando wanted her to be transferred to the business class section so that she could rest better and recuperate, but the purser would hear none of it because of "company policy." And to think this was just one hour before landing. The rule of law, or whatever company policy, must be tempered with human consideration and compassion. People in power should not be blinded by their position or become callous to people's feelings and aspirations. Finally, with 62 Filipino pilgrims in uproar, the proud purser gave in. He who exalted himself and who put "company policy" before human compassion was humbled. Thus is the fate of those who exalt themselves. They will be brought down. They will fall.

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**On a personal note, allow me to praise and thank God for 25 years in the priesthood. Out of 15 ordained last Oct. 25, 1980 at the Divine Word Seminary, Tagaytay, one was killed fighting illegal loggers in Mindanao, two left the ministry and 12 of us are still active in different assignments for the Lord. Fr. Antolin Uy, SVD, our rector when we were ordained in 1980 joined us in our reunion last Oct. 25, and told us to focus not so much on our achievements or failures these past 25 years, but that we did our best and that we stayed, and really tried. Indeed, our achievements are small compared to God's grace, and so are our failures compared to God's mercy and love. With grateful hearts we say, to God be the glory and to us be his mercy!**

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Only God knows what I have been through these past 25 years as a priest. A lot of things have happened, as in a lot, and it all went so fast. On behalf of all my brother priests, I would like to thank you for all your prayers, understanding and support. On behalf of all my brother priests, I also would like to ask for forgiveness for whatever hurts or scandals we have caused you. Finally, on behalf of my brother priests, I would like to give you my priestly blessing, and assure you of my humble prayers as we journey on.

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**Twenty-five years ago I made this ordination prayer: You have called me, Oh Lord, not so much because of me but in spite of me; not so much to become a somebody, but to be a someone to you and to your people. Keep me ever in your love. Amen. Dear reader, please pray for me, God's unworthy servant, a sinner, a grateful sinner. We remember those who have gone ahead of us. Much of what we are and what we have right now are a result of their love, and their sacrifices. As we remember them, may they remind us that we carry nothing with us when we leave this world and that what matters most is that we followed the path of truthfulness and righteousness till the end.**

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to be humble, to be the servant of all. Amen.

# Beginning to say goodbye

**REVEILLE**

*Ramon J. Farolan*

AROUND THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, MOST FAMILIES are already through with the preliminaries attendant to the coming holidays. The tombstones have been washed, the grass has been cut, the flowers have been set aside, and the props for providing shade have been put in place. For the more affluent, a thorough house cleaning has been carried out to prepare for a live-in lasting a day or two. While Nov. 2 was designated by the Church as All Souls' Day—a day for remembering and honoring our dead—many Filipinos mark the event by visiting the cemeteries a day earlier, on All Saints' Day bringing all kinds of paraphernalia more suited for a town fiesta rather than for a communion with the spirits of our departed. For rich and poor alike, it is a tradition handed down through the years dating back to the Spanish era and it is considered part of our Hispanic legacy.

For the last few years since 1992, I have always made it a point to devote some time and effort in bringing to the attention of our people the need to review and possibly rethink the whole business of an entire community headed for one particular place at the same time in the face of increasing costs and inconveniences. It has not been a particularly welcome advocacy, with many friends and relatives indicating that one should not tamper with age-old traditions and customs lest the gods take it as a sign of indifference or even disrespect. I continue to dwell on this subject aware of the fact that the process of change in our lives will always be a long and difficult journey. But as someone once pointed out, it is in the nature of religion that practices are modified to fit the times.

While Mother Church has long resisted change, change has come, albeit slowly and sometimes painfully. For many years, the practice of cremation was prohibited by the Church and was even considered a mortal sin. The Church has since discarded this position and now allows cremation, perhaps, because of the realization that land for burial purposes has become scarce. In the past, Church rituals were conducted in Latin. Now English and Tagalog are used resulting in greater and closer participation by the laity. For a long time, the Sacred Host could only be handled by priests. Today, laymen and women assist the religious ministers in the distribution of the Body of Christ during the Holy Communion.

What is it like to visit the cemeteries of Metro Manila on All Saints' Day? The traffic jams on roads leading to the burial grounds are unbelievable and with the population in our cities bursting at the seams, the transportation system is easily overburdened making the problem a nightmare for any motorist.

If the Church can change its ways, we should also be able to modify certain rituals to keep up with the times. This coming Tuesday, save your trip to the cemetery for another day. Choose a memorable date for this trip, a date that holds more personal significance for you and your departed. This way, you honor them in an atmosphere of quiet dignity.

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Last month, my niece Cayo Nivera Marschner, daughter of Charlie and Pat Nivera, lost her son, Kevin. At memorial services held in Moraga, California, Cayo remembered him with these lines:

I have no doubt that it takes a whole village to raise a child as I see so many good friends from our days as young parents—babysitting coop, playgroup, soccer and swim teams, boy scouts, and school.

And this past week, we realized how much we needed the whole village—all of you—to help us bid goodbye to our son. Your outpouring of love, support, prayers and generosity in sharing our sorrow has created a loving container for our grief. It will take a long while to fill the abyss in our hearts, but your love has already begun to fill this.

I remember Kevin's first tearful goodbye when he was about 18 months old as I left him with a baby sitter. He clung to me, wailing; fortunately, I had read about separation anxiety so I was able to override my own anxiety.

A goodbye I fondly remember was when he left for his first weekend at a scout camp. As we said goodbye, I saw his tears as he pulled his hat tightly over his eyes. He boarded the bus, shoulders hunched and through the window, he waved tentatively, pulling his hat down even further. How I wanted to wipe away his tears! But I knew he would be OK. Three days later, a grimy Kevin bounced out of the bus, grinning "camp was great!"

Through the years, the goodbyes became easier as we lived through the natural progression of launching our children.

I have always believed that ours is not the only world; I also believe that whatever love, light, positive energy and prayers we send to those who have passed on helps them on their journey and returns to help us as well.

The last time I saw Kevin, I was already in my car, heading home from San Jose, when he called and asked me to wait for him. It was very late but thank God, I did wait for him. He didn't say much, and it was clear he didn't want to talk. Finally, he said, "It's late, Mom, you better go." We hugged with our customary "love you." Two days later he was gone.

I cried myself to sleep every night, and would wake up crying. One night shortly after our initial shock, I woke up, my pillow drenched with tears. My eyes stung. I squeezed them shut and I took a deep breath for some relief. As more tears poured out, much to my amazement, I saw Kevin's face very clearly. He was smiling, and his face had a luminous quality. I heard him say, "Hey, Mom!" just the way he always did. Then, these two words: "I'm OK." That was all.

And that is all I need to know to begin to say goodbye.

# Redefining 'pagkalalaki'

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

AN INFANT'S WAILING BREAKS THE PEACE AND silence of the night. A man is shown looking in on his baby but, finding the child fast asleep, starts looking around for the source of the cries. He looks out the window and finds his neighbor across the way cradling a wailing infant. The man calls out to his neighbor and tosses him a bag of disposable diapers, assuring him these would help the baby sleep more soundly through the night.

There has been quite a number of commercials showing men taking an active part in child rearing—men playing with their children, cooking and serving a meal, even changing diapers. But what makes this commercial for "Huggies" diapers notable is the way it treats men's nurturing role quite casually, calling no special attention to the fact that it was the fathers of the infants—and not their mothers—who rose in the middle of the night to look after their babies. I especially liked the choice of talents: two stocky, rough-looking men (my only beef is that they looked too old to still be fathering infants), whose masculinity could not be brought into question. Exactly the type you would not expect to be closely in touch with their inner nurturers. And yet, if we go by the findings of a recent study on the shifting concepts of "*pagkalalaki*" or masculinity among married Cebuano men, it would seem that the creative minds behind the "Huggies" ad had sensed this growing trend toward more nurturing Filipino males and decided to mine it not just for its novelty but also for its resonance.

While masculinity in the Philippines is described primarily as the "ability to sire a child," Elmira Judy T. Aguilar, in a study on "Voluntary Vasectomy: Rethinking Pagkalalaki among Married Cebuano," finds that with the expectation of being able to sire children "comes the responsibility to take care of them."

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**AGUILAR and her team from the Sociology and Anthropology Research Group conducted one-on-one in-depth interviews with 44 no-scalpel vasectomy clients and, from them, selected a few to participate in focus group discussions.**

**"The findings show that masculinity is defined as being a responsible husband and father who can provide for the basic needs of his family such as food, clothing and education," writes Aguilar. "Thus, a person's direct participation in family planning is basically due to economic reasons because of his responsibility to take care of his family's future."**

**Beyond providing for his family's economic well-being, a "*tunay na lalaki*," says Aguilar, citing other studies on Filipino masculinity, also spends "quality time" with his wife and children. Likewise, "doing household chores is not an issue among Cebuano men...and this can be related to the way they were socialized in their childhood years, when they were trained to do simple household chores."**

**While economic reasons were cited as the primary motivation for their decision to undergo NSV, the men were greatly influenced by their wives, Aguilar reports. "Once men get the support of their wives through a joint decision, nothing else matters not even the misconceptions or adverse attitudes reverberated by their male friends."**

**Health care providers are also important in the area of education and information-sharing, reassuring potential clients about their fears and the possible side-effects of the procedure.**

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THE STUDY stands on their head traditional concepts about "male participation" (or the lack of it) in reproductive health, mainly by proving that if men are provided sufficient information and education, they would indeed be willing to "do their part."

One of Aguilar's recommendations, in fact, is for service providers and planners to reject "the usual frame-of-mind...that 'men are the problem' when it comes to family planning. Additionally, there is a need to veer away from stereotyping men in terms of their participation in family planning, simply because age-old concepts about their masculinity may be a hindrance in any program designed for them. For as we have seen, this was not a problem for our Cebuano vasectomy acceptors. Eventually, this will ease the burden of responsibility placed on women in terms of reproduction and fertility regulation because men will then take a proactive stance, not only in family planning but the more politically correct and encompassing concept of responsible parenthood."

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**MOST family planning campaigns tend to focus on women's fertility, or what Judith Bruce, in a study on "Reproductive Choice: The Responsibilities of Men and Women" describes as "an over-reliance on women's behavior, neglect of male sexual and contraceptive behavior, and inattention to gender inequalities that accompany rapid population growth."**

**One result of such approaches has been the neglect of male fertility, as seen in the rather narrow range of contraceptive methods available to men. And yet, Bruce points out: "Male fertility is potentially higher than female fertility as men may (and many do) father children later into their lives than women," writes Bruce. "In Mali, for example, women in their late 40s typically have a completed family size...while the men to whom they are married have almost four additional children with other women. This increase in male fertility takes place after the age of 45-50." Would not the availability of Viagra and other drugs addressing sexual dysfunction fuel a spurt of late fatherhood?**

**Bruce notes that in the developing world, "when couples are not in accord over reproductive goals and behavior, the man's will usually prevails." And yet, most public education campaigns and policies on family planning are still aimed at women, particularly at curbing women's fertility and "wanton" sexuality.**

# Formal institutions and people power

**PUBLIC LIVES**

*Randy David*

IN A DEMOCRACY, IT IS NATURAL FOR THE public to wish to be freed of the burden of having to take direct action when there is a grave crisis in government. Yet, on two occasions in the recent past, under the spell of a diffused social movement, Filipinos found themselves taking the whole system into their own hands to re-establish their government. In retrospect, the experience still intimidates them. Small wonder they are slow to pour out into the streets again.

Every radical is gripped by romantic visions of this sort but, as our experience shows, the political costs can be very high. Having achieved the nearly impossible in 1986—the peaceful ouster of a tyrannical regime—Filipinos did not hesitate to reprise it in 2001. In both instances, though violence was avoided, the public welcomed the intervention of the armed forces, something that should not have happened in a functioning democracy.

In many ways, we are haunted by the ghosts of this raw exercise of popular sovereignty. That is probably why we have an ambivalent relationship to people power—we celebrate its emancipatory promise, but we fear its dark irrational side. It is a tool against tyranny, but it can also be mobilized in the service of reactionary impulses. The same applies to military intervention.

Under our system, when government fails to perform its work, people can turn to the Supreme Court to interpret the law and to correct errors in its application. In our current situation, for instance, there are things the Supreme Court can do to maintain public confidence in our institutions and in the rule of law. First, it can rule decisively on the question of whether the manner in which the House of Representatives disposed of the three impeachment complaints against Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was in accordance with a rational understanding of the law. There are pending petitions before the Court that raise this question.

Second, the Court can rule immediately on the constitutionality of Executive Order 464 which bars government officials and police and military officers from appearing in congressional hearings without prior permission from the President. Third, the Court can, once and for all, rule on the meaning of the "no permit, no rally" rule, and the constitutionality of Batas Pambansa 880 or the Public Assembly Law, which is cited as its basis.

Fourth, as the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, the Court can attend with dispatch to the election protest of vice presidential candidate Loren Legarda. The resolution of this protest may put to rest many questions about the credibility of the 2004 presidential election—questions which were left unanswered when the protest of presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr. was dismissed after his untimely death.

There are other questions in which a quick and forthright opinion from the Court can defuse the tension that is tearing the nation apart. For example, can wiretapped recordings be admitted as evidence in proceedings where public interest of the utmost importance is involved?

In the past, the Supreme Court did not hesitate to wade politically charged waters. In January 2001, while Edsa II raged, it agreed to administer the oath of office of the president to Vice President Arroyo ahead of any full determination that there was a vacancy in the presidency. Thereafter, it resolutely dismissed all challenges to the legality of Ms Arroyo's assumption of the presidency. It sustained the legality of prosecuting former President Joseph Estrada for plunder on the ground that, having "constructively resigned" the presidency, he could no longer invoke immunity from criminal prosecution.

But at crucial moments in our history, the Court did also allow itself to be overtaken by political events. After Marcos declared martial law, it feebly acceded to the irregular way in which the 1973 Constitution was ratified. That constitution sanctioned the existence of a continuing state of emergency and granted Marcos law-making powers. Unable to assert its moral authority, the Court became an unwitting tool of the dictatorship. As expected, after Marcos was overthrown, no one protested the Court's reorganization when the Aquino government scrapped the Marcos constitution.

What the rebuilding of institutions, like Congress and the judiciary, means essentially is the restoration of their status as credible structures of rational deliberation. Unfortunately, this has not been easy. Our flawed electoral process has continued to breed politicians who do not have the slightest clue about governance. The persistence of the culture of patronage has produced appointments to the judiciary that cannot be justified except as the prerogatives of power.

It is ironic that the Arroyo administration derides the Citizens' Congress for Truth and Accountability as a "kangaroo court" with no legitimacy. Designed to gather information and hear viewpoints on legitimacy issues that our formal institutions have failed to address in an acceptable way, the CCTA can perform a crucial function in the political will-formation of our society. It is people power by other means—held not in the streets, where reason's voice can be drowned, but in a university, where reason can be heard.

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# I do love thee, wench

**REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE**

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DUMAGUETE—THERE'S SOMETHING ROMANTIC ABOUT sitting by the sea and hearing the waves crash. There's danger, excitement and a strange sort of anticipation. I'm half expecting a pirate ship to moor itself on the shore with a black flag of skull-and-crossbones tossing in the air. And I, in a long linen dress with hair streaming in the wind, would race down the stone steps, elegantly leap into the water, and swim into the well-muscled arms of my Shipboard Romeo (who, naturally, has a startling resemblance to Jude Law).

Alas, it cannot be. Yesterday, I was prancing around the poolside when my debate teammate decided to pick me up and throw me into the water. I fell into the deep end (in my world, even five feet is deep) and firmly believed I was going to drown. Unfortunately no one else thought so. I was reduced to gracelessly flailing my way to the pool edge two feet away and swallowed half the pool water along the way. Even my attempt at similar revenge was an abysmal failure, as my darling teammate has the mass (if not the body type) of the Hulk.

Although I can reconcile with the idea of Prince Charming sailing along to pick me up, the image of swimming into his waiting arms while clinging to an inflatable orange lifesaver is not my idea of happily-ever-after.

Sigmund Freud, who once claimed to have understood the innermost workings of the human mind, conceded one failure. He said that the one thing he couldn't explain was what it was that women really wanted. Maybe, this explains why Mel Gibson (Nick Marshall in "What Women Want") is accused of being "totally and completely gay" when he suddenly finds himself with the power to read women's minds.

For the Freuds of today, (or the average Joe just hoping to score a date) the world of literature has invented an answer to the eternal question. They're called romance novels.

Yes, those romance novels: the gaudily colored books whose male cover models seem to have ingested a little too much steroid (as evidenced by pectorals that rival even their female partners' generous chests). In their arms lie beautiful bombshells, whose outfits (perhaps due to the liveliness of those same unsupported breasts) seem to be slowly coming apart at the seams. The publishers claim stories of "a passionate, turbulent love" with a tough, unbeatable hero, and a heroine who "dares to steal his heart!"

When the story begins, we meet the Heroine: a "feisty wildcat" who is "as innocent as the heart of a perfect white rose." Her eyes are "the deepest purple of sparkling sapphires," and beguile the Hero, a rakehell whose long dark hair "whips in the wind." Duke Hero (sometimes Lord, Count, or Prince) finds himself reluctantly compelled to protect our Heroine, while she alternately stands up to him or is "rendered senseless by his urgent kisses." There's a lot of thirsting, yearning, longing, craving and aching, in between a few heartfelt sighs, and a couple of tense, angry scenes where the two realize that their love is as "impossible as the sun meeting the moon." The Heroine loses a lot of weight while our Hero pounds away in the 18th century equivalent of Fitness First.

Then, with a bang (literally) disaster strikes, and our fair Heroine is swept into chaos, only to be saved by the Hero made half-mad by desperation. It is only then that "all doubts are swept away by the overwhelming tide of a love that was intended by the gods."

In the words of the Duke of Conrad in "Surrender, My Angel": "I have battled dragons and slain thousands of knights, but one word from you, my angel, has brought me to my knees. Marry me, and end this torment."

Romance novels are usually called formulaic—girl meets boy, girl and boy are attracted, girl and boy separate, some great tragedy confronts girl, boy realizes he loves her more than the world, boy races to the rescue then finally, kiss-kiss and happily ever after.

I like to think a formula isn't necessarily a bad thing. After all, a sonnet isn't a sonnet unless it has 14 lines, bad boys wouldn't be bad without leather jackets, and a Keanu Reeves movie would lose its Keanuness if he learned how to act. Formulas are fine—and when someone takes away my happily-ever-after, let's just say hell hath no fury as a woman cheated of a P359-thrill.

I'm an escapist—I get the urge to tell the world to stop so I can get off. It happens to everyone. People just react differently. They watch movies, get smashed in bars or pound down the basketball court. Me, I read romance novels—along with millions all over the world.

I started reading romance novels on the sly—the first three were a gift from my grandfather. My dad confiscated them before I got a look, and up to now I still have no idea why my Lolo thought "The Law is a Lady" and "Opposites Attract" were appropriate reading material for a kid still watching "Sailor Moon." I'll always be grateful. Let's just say, they explained much of what I didn't get in grade school science class.

Romantic fiction generates more than $1.2 billion a year and has 41 million readers in America alone. The majority of all fiction sold is romantic fiction, scoring a whopping 54 percent of all paperbacks. There's a theory that there's a higher incidence of divorce among women who read romances—their standards are set impossibly high on every level.

The snobs of romance reading (who themselves are fans of men in Lycra suits and metal bikinied women who save the world) like to say that chick lit is an escape for the feeble mind. The truth is that 42 percent of these romance lovers hold at least a bachelor's degree—so no, this sisterhood is not of brainless bimbos.

Interestingly, studies show that though women enjoy reading about men, men rarely read about women. For the guy looking to read into a woman's head, a couple of hours on the couch with a romance novel and a beer should be an easy solution. But to the unlucky few who would rather swallow the eye of a newt than be caught dead with "Slave to Passion," here's a one-sentence summary of what women really want—as manifested by the New York Time's Bestseller List.

We want to live happily ever after.

The formula may change from audience to audience. My generation has the shopping-crazy, weight-obsessed, high-maintenance career women rampaging across the big city in search of Mr. Right (and failing even to find Mr. Right Now)—think Bridget Jones and "Confessions of a Shopaholic." But the basic idea will be the same.

I'm off to the pool. I figure I better learn how to swim—not knowing how to even float severely limits my romantic fantasies. But on the off chance that Prince Charming is reading this, here's to hoping he leaves the sea alone and shows up on a motorcycle, a helicopter, or even the "Ikot" jeep to UP.

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# TALK of the TOWN

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# A lost generation across Asia's war zones

IN PARTS OF ASIA, CONFLICT AND WARFARE HAVE TAKEN THE LIVES OF many—young and old, rich and poor. And children. Victims without a voice, they are being forced to grow up quickly. Children continue to be exploited, whether through voluntary or forced recruitment, for causes they may not comprehend.

Certain Asian countries are losing an entire generation. The Asia News Network (ANN), a group of 12 national English language dailies in Asia, looks at them in this special series.

Featured here are a story of children from the Karen state in Burma who crossed a dense jungle in search of a better education in northern Thailand, and a story of Filipino children joining armed groups to seek justice.

Talk of the Town will run two other articles—one on teenagers in Sri Lanka who went missing, and one on children charged with treason in Aceh, Indonesia.

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## Karenni children's long trek for education

**By Yap Lih Huey**
*Asian News Network*

MAE HONG SON, THAILAND—About 20 children from the Karen state in Burma walked for three months in the dense jungle, hoping to make it to Thailand.

Their quest? Merely the possibility of a better education.

The youngest in the group was a 10-year-old girl who lost a leg when she stepped on a landmine during the trek.

The children survived on fruits, bamboo shoots and river water. They had the sun as their guide, soft leaves as their blankets, earth as their bed and shining stars as their nightcap.

Their parents, still in Burma, sent them away reluctantly, hoping for the best while knowing they may never see their children again. It was a gamble—either the children would remain to be exploited in Burma, or they could seize the chance of going to a school in Thailand, just like "normal" children.

Luck was with them as they finally stumbled upon a Karenni refugee camp in the forest reserves of Mae Hong Son, in the north of Thailand at the Thai-Burmese border.

### Refugee camp

In this particular camp, there are about 5,000 Karenni refugees, 1,500 of them children.

"New Star"—that's the name of the boarding house for these children. A hand-painted white wooden signboard with a star as its logo is perched at the top of a common hall in the boarding house's compound; signifying hope, perseverance and new beginnings.

There are 61 children in the boarding house, 28 of them girls. The oldest child is 19 years old and the youngest is 10.

Their normal route to school is through an unfriendly, narrow mountain path. During the midyear rainy season, the path turns muddy and slippery, causing accidental deaths.

"There is not enough food to go around and proper clothing is scarce, especially during the cold months at yearend. Health care and nutrition are major problems too," Chay Shay, the 60-year-old housekeeper, said through an interpreter.

The children get new clothes only once a year, and sometimes they have to share. Fights do break out, understandable given the lack of privacy and personal space: Each room, measuring 8 by 12 feet and further subdivided by bamboo partitions, is occupied by four children.

Skin diseases, diarrhea, respiratory problems, malaria and pneumonia are common among children in the refugee camps.

The New Star boarding house receives funds and food from the refugee camp committee, which in turn is assisted by the Thai Burma Border Consortium (TBBC), a coalition of international aid groups.

Rice, beans and fish paste, supplied by TBCC, are what these refugee children have been living on for years. Meat is rare and considered a precious commodity. Vegetables are grown in gardens, but some unfortunate families don't have enough land for this.

### Isolated

The Thai authorities do not allow the refugees, including the children, to leave the camp. Thus, many do not have any source of income and are cut off from the outside world, subsisting on handouts.

Their only mode of communication is via battery-operated radios, which receive Thai and Burmese stations, and a Burmese community paper called Kantarawaddy Times, circulated among Karenni refugee camps in Thailand. A few have managed to smuggle mobile phones into the camp.

Some spend their time staring lifelessly into the distance. Others, traumatized by their flight and plight as refugees, take it out on the children, who suffer emotional or physical abuse at the hands of parents or relatives.

Some parents have taken their own lives.

The brave and able ones sneak out of the camp through a "back door." By walking for at least five hours through steep and dangerous jungle paths, they go looking for jobs at surrounding Thai villages.

### Education grail

While many of the children were sent here to seek a better education, those who made it still face an uncertain future. The syllabus at the refugee camps, up to Grade 10 (17 years old), is not recognized by the governments of Thailand and Burma, or by any international organization.

In this Karenni camp alone, there are around 200 Grade 10 students.

Most do not have a good grasp of English and thus face obstacles in pursuing higher education or vocational training. Even if they could be admitted into institutes of higher learning, they would face problems like a lack of finances or proper identification—they have no passports or identification cards.

However, the Permanent Secretary of Thailand's Ministry of Education, Dr. Kasama Varavarn, remained optimistic on the prospects of educating non-Thai citizens.

**ABOUT 40 to 50 Burmese children are expected to enter the boarding house every year, although it is already fully occupied.** ASIA NEWS NETWORK/YAP LIH HUEY

When contacted, she told the Asia News Network that the ministry's recent education policy included provisions to set up learning centers at all nine refugee camps in Thailand by the end of this year.

The project hinges on a Bt9 million to Bt10 million ($218,230 to $242,480) budget being approved by the Security Office.

Kasama expects to know the outcome of her proposal within a month. The budget will be used to set up the learning centers in the refugee camps, as well as to operate them during the initial stages.

"We are now seeing a concerted effort... The learning centers will teach refugee children basic Thai and include an equivalency program from primary to secondary levels. These centers will also provide vocational training to adults," she said.

Her target is to reach the 65,000 children living in all refugee camps in Thailand. At the moment, there is only one such learning center located in Mae La and it is not known how successful it has been.

Kasama estimated that the learning centers would need about 10 to 20 volunteer teachers.

She said her challenges were promoting the Thai language among the refugees, mobilizing her people to implement the program, and motivating the refugees to communicate in Thai.

However, she stressed that these learning centers were not being established to assist refugee students in entering universities.

"We can help them get into universities whenever there are requests. We've heard there are problems when admitting them as some are not good students," Kasama said.

### Glimmer

While certain refugee communities have pinned their hopes on the Ministry of Education's new policy on educating non-Thai citizens, which was announced in July, critics are quick to point out that it is not addressing the real problem of allowing refugee children to further their studies.

Critics also wonder how teachers would be able to gain access to the refugee camps as most are in the deep jungle where there are no proper roads. The squalid living conditions in these camps are also another point to consider.

While the change in the Thai education system for refugee children may take years to reach its goals, Myo Htoo, 15, and Soe Min, 16, said they just wanted to improve their command of English to get jobs. (The children's names have been changed to protect their identity.)

Former Burmese child soldiers who are now separated from their parents and living in the Karenni refugee camp, the two managed to escape from the Burmese military while on assignment about eight months ago.

Soe said he didn't have any job preference as long as he would earn enough to support himself.

Myo's dream is to be resettled in a third country. When asked what his ambition was, he said matter-of-factly, through an interpreter: "I want to be a driver. I want to earn money… it's hard to dream of a high position."

## Minors fighting for the NPA and MILF

**By Rolando B. Pinsoy**
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DAVAO CITY—ONE FATEFUL MORNING, nine-year-old Jayson and 13-year-old Connie were on their way to gather palm leaves with their parents and neighbors when military men chanced upon them.

At gunpoint, they were forced to dig shallow graves where they were going to be buried alive.

"They will grow up to become New People's Army (NPA) rebels anyway," the soldiers said.

Nearby, their fathers were tortured while their mothers cried and begged the soldiers to stop.

Up to this day, Jayson and Connie are still traumatized by the incident.

Two days before that, a 17-year-old farmer, Charlie Oclarit of San Agustin, was also subjected to torture.

Two other teenagers from the village of Magkahunao, also in San Agustin town, 17-year-old Junrey Casil and 13-year-old Ranly Casil, were forced to act as guides for the soldiers. The two said that they were also abused and beaten up.

These incidents happened during an intensive operation in the province of Surigao del Sur in April following a clash between government troops and communist rebels.

### Seeking justice

Armed conflict has characterized much of the post-war decades in the Philippines. Government forces have gone up against communists, Muslim secessionists and bandit groups since the late 1960s, whether in minor, almost routine skirmishes, or in "total war" or "all-out-war" declared by the administration.

Children have been heavily traumatized during military operations as they were not spared from torture at the hands of the military.

The clashes between the military and rebel groups also left imprints of tragic incidents in their memories. And for most of the children, joining the rebellion has become one way to seek justice.

The nongovernment organization Gabriela categorized these children into: 1) those forced to evacuate to refugee camps; 2) those killed during military operations; 3) those murdered and wounded in massacres; 4) those arrested, tortured and detained; 5) those who fell ill as a result of the conflict; and 6) those traumatized by the conflict's impact on their families and communities.

**PARENTS with their children desperately looked for shelter on May 10, 2000 as clashes between the military and the MILF intensified in Mindanao.** EDWIN BACASMAS

Minors, even children as young as nine years old, have been reported to be fighting for the communist NPA, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Abu Sayyaf.

The Philippine military said in 2002 that there were around 2,000 minors in these groups.

In the villages of North Cotabato, where there are constant skirmishes between the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels and government troops, women and children are also constantly driven to evacuation areas.

But most of those who are old enough have joined or have been recruited as fighters of the MILF.

While studies reveal that poverty and government neglect are the main reasons children are lured into armed groups, another factor is family background.

Bayan Muna partylist Rep. Satur Ocampo said, "either the children themselves or their parents want them to join the NPA."

"They become members of the revolutionary organization but they are not combatants. Child combatants are not allowed. The children are involved in economic, cultural or special education work," Ocampo said.

The NPA had denied reports of massive recruitment among the youth in January 2003, saying that minors who wish to join the NPA were restricted to running errands, delivering messages and the like.

The NPA reiterated in 2004 that those under 18 were assigned to "noncombat tasks in children and youth mass organizations, production and other socioeconomic cooperatives, cultural development and teaching."

It was estimated that NPA membership ranges from 5,000 to 8,000.

Government sources estimated in 2002 that 10 to 15 percent of the reportedly 10,000-strong MILF (the MILF itself claimed its membership was around 12 times more) were below 18.

MILF told the Child Soldiers Coaliton in 2004 that it "does not recruit children under the age of 15 as combatants," but added that minors were sometimes caught in the crossfire.

As for the Abu Sayyaf, between 15 and 30 percent of its estimated 300 armed members were reported to be below 18 years of age.

### Fighting for freedom

Some of the children who have experienced the conflict have been vocal about joining the rebellion.

"A lot of factors pushed me to join the MILF. Our problems and the fact the Bangsamoro people are still shackled are more than enough reason to fight for freedom," said Abdul, now 17 years old. He joined the MILF at the age of 12.

The Bangsamoro people refer to Filipino Muslims in general. The term also refers to the areas claimed by the MILF—Mindanao, the Sulu archipelago and Palawan.

Children have access to military camps, but they are not allowed to carry firearms except for those who have been orphaned by the war, according to MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu.

Young girl recruits serve as messengers and spies. Kabalu acknowledges that the MILF has child soldiers but claimed that they are not allowed to be on the frontline, and that the entire rebel force has at least a "couple of dozens" of child soldiers.

A Department of Labor and Employment paper in 2002 said children willingly joined the ranks of these groups because they were lured by the "thrill and excitement" of taking part, or were affected by peer pressure or propaganda.

### Abducted

Some are reportedly abducted and forced to enlist.

The labor department said these children were most likely poor, separated from their families, displaced from their homes, living in a combat zone or in communities with inadequate social services, or had no access to education.

Many of them also have relatives participating in the armed struggle themselves, who "volunteer" the children into service.

Child soldiers, as these minors are called, are ideal because they are "trusting and innocent like a child, yet have the strength and stamina of adults. When they are in the movement, they are also impulsive and aggressive, especially when their families have become victims," the labor department said.

Under Article 4 of Protocol 2 of the Geneva Conventions, children who have not attained the age of 15 shall not be allowed to take part in hostilities. And, even if they take part in hostilities and are captured, they are entitled to special protection provided for children.

However, the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) reported that about 10 to 30 percent of children in conflict areas had been recruited by rebel groups.

Foroogh Foyouzat, Unicef chief for child protection section in the Philippines, said his group had monitored and reported the recruitment of minors by all non-state parties.

In the Philippines, Foyouzat said, "It can be forced or voluntary recruitment," adding that children whose parents are rebels perceive they are in an army but have no idea what they are fighting for.

### Development assistance

The Philippine government has yet to achieve a final peace agreement with the MILF despite holding several rounds of talks with the rebel group. Critics have been quick to point out that the peace in Mindanao would have a long way to go even after a peace agreement has been achieved.

The MILF seeks to establish an independent Islamic state in southern Philippines.

However, the chief negotiator for the peace agreement said on Sept. 21 that he expected to sign a final peace agreement with the MILF in early 2006.

Secretary Silvestre Afable said the signing of the peace pact would pave the way for development assistance for Mindanao from international agencies such as the World Bank.

"We will craft a final peace agreement and we expect this early next year to the middle of next year," Afable said recently.

### Hopes for peace

Hopes for peace with the Muslim rebels run high after negotiators from both sides resolved the contentious issue of ancestral domain, Afable said.

He also commended the MILF for helping in the government's crackdown on terrorist groups such as the Abu Sayyaf and for observing the ceasefire.

"We agreed not to give out details until we sign the agreement on ancestral domain. What I can tell you (is that) we are happy with the negotiations. The consensus points can be implemented through constitutional processes," Afable said.

The formal talks in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia next year will tackle the demobilization, disarming, and eventual reintegration of MILF fighters into mainstream society, he said.

Afable said both sides were also looking into allowing the International Monitoring Team, originally intended to monitor the ceasefire, to keep tabs on the inflow of foreign funding for Mindanao.

As the road to peace is a long and winding one, more children—including those who do not want to be engaged in war—will continue to suffer because of a war waged by adults. *With research by Jamie Alarcon, PDI Research*

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# MILF camps set off S. Cotabato alarm

KORONADAL CITY—SOUTH COTABATO OFFICIALS led by Gov. Daisy Avance-Fuentes expressed alarm over new camps allegedly being set up by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in the Roxas Mountain Range in Tupi town.

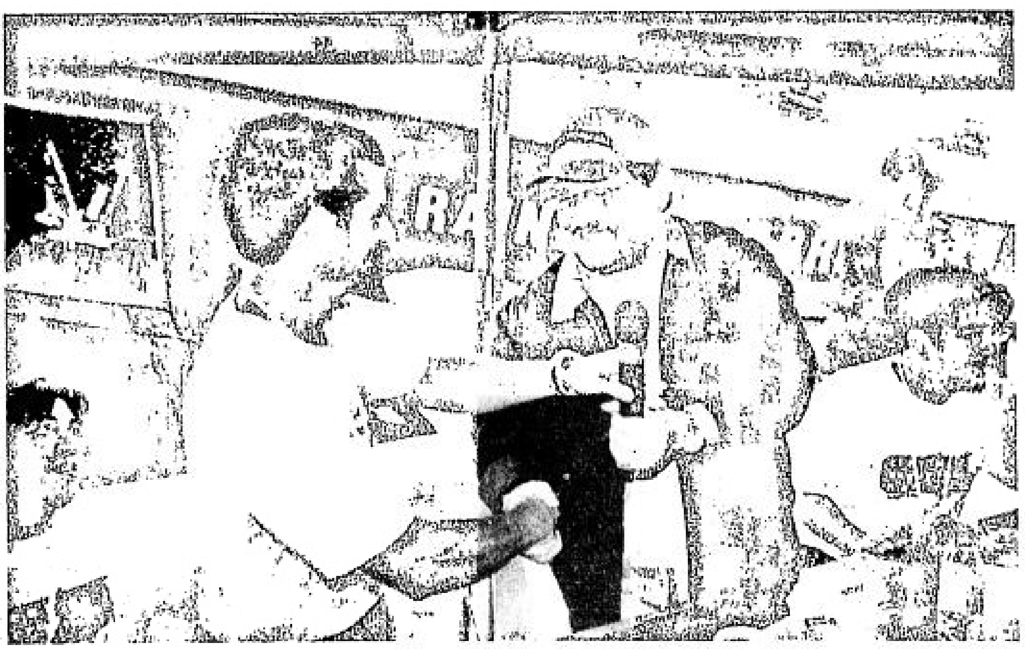
Fuentes asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to step in and stop the building of new MILF camps.

She said conditions set by the ongoing peace talks between the government and the MILF prohibit the guerrillas from setting up new camps anywhere.

She said the MILF was also recruiting new members not only among Muslims, but also among Christians and Bla'an natives.

She said she wrote in July to the panel monitoring the ceasefire between the government and MILF.

*Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



**MAYOR HAGEDORN** welcomes the crew of the Rainbow Warrior, the flagship of Greenpeace. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

# Puerto mayor opens door wide for Greenpeace

PUERTO PRINCESA MAYOR EDWARD HAGEDORN, a known environment advocate, welcomed the crew of the Rainbow Warrior, the flagship of international environmental group Greenpeace, when it docked at Puerto Princesa City to campaign for the use of cleaner energy sources.

Hagedorn welcomed the ship's crew, headed by Capt. Daniel Risotti. With him were other city government officials, members of local nongovernment organizations; Von Hernandez, head of Greenpeace Southeast Asia, Red Constantino, regional energy campaigner; Francis de la Cruz, event coordinator and Athena Ronquillo of Greenpeace.

"The people of Puerto Princesa based on a national survey take pride in themselves as a people with the highest environmental consciousness in the country. The residents of this city are aware that what causes global warming and environmental degradation are illegal logging, indiscriminate, irresponsible mining, and other destructive activities that decimate our forests; carbon dioxide emissions caused by factories, power plants and vehicles and improper solid waste management," Hagedorn said in a statement.

Puerto Princesa City is the country's first Hall of Fame awardee in the annual search for the cleanest and greenest local government units.

Hagedorn said the city maintained its environmental record by banning logging and mining, making tree-planting part of city program, establishing tree nurseries, protecting and rehabilitating its forests with an increased forest cover of 2,000 hectares, carrying out a scheme to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by vehicles, and adopting an economic development plan anchored on ecotourism.

The mayor said the city has also started using solar energy at the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park and its clinics.

He said the city would soon be totally reliant on electricity powered by renewable sources like solar, wind and natural gas.

# Bayan asks GMA to sack Palparan

**By Tonette Orejas**
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE BAGONG Alyansang Makabayan on Saturday has called on military officials to relieve Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan Jr. to ensure an impartial investigation of his two soldiers tagged as suspects in the murder of labor leader Ricardo Ramos.

"A right-thinking and decent military general would step aside and let due process take its full course. That's what we expect of him to do," said Roman Polintan, Bayan Central Luzon chair.

Polintan said President Macapagal-Arroyo, as commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, should "see reason and propriety" in relieving Palparan, commander of the Army's 7th Infantry Division, since the general was implicated in Ramos' murder.

Police investigators said Ramos, president of the Central Azucarera de Tarlac Labor Union (Catlu) in Hacienda Luisita, was hit by two bullets from an M-14 rifle near his house at Barangay Mapalacsiao in Tarlac City on Oct. 25.

Palparan, however, said he has no strong reason to yield to Bayan's demand.

Palparan, reached through his mobile phone from Cagayan de Oro City, said the investigation by the Philippine National Police on Army Sgts. Roderick de la Cruz and Romeo Castillo Jr. has hardly started.

The police's Task Force Ramos, working initially on the testimonies of five witnesses, sent Palparan a letter inviting the two soldiers for "questioning to air their side."

"Those are my men, yes, but the invitation did not necessarily say they were the ones who killed Ramos," Palparan said.

He said he would not stand in the way of the investigation. "I will allow the police to proceed with the case. I will make available to them my soldiers to get the information they want," he added.

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# Strongest man now feels like 'junk'

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HE WAS SOUTHEAST ASIA'S STRONGEST man. Now, traces of that title are barely visible in retired Lt. Jaime Sebastian, of the Philippine Air Force, who could hardly walk or talk.

He even has difficulties remembering his glorious past.

"He had a stroke last year. After the stroke, everything is lost—his fame, his job, his family and even his self confidence," says Myrna Villasaya, Jaime's younger sister.

Half of Jaime's body is paralyzed. He had six mild strokes in November and December last year. In late December, he had another stroke that almost cost his life.

## Lifting weights

In 1966, the 13-year-old Jaime, who already was dreaming of winning a bold medal, left home and slept in various gyms to lift weights.

Three years later, he tried his luck in the national open competition in Baguio City and became the country's strongest man in the super weight category. He held that title for two decades (1970 to 1990).

"Steroid is not yet known then," he proudly says.

He was then managed by the late Zamboangueño weight lifter, Fabian Bucoy and supervised by Philippine Weight lifter Association President Elpidio Doroteo.

In between weights, Jaime managed to finish secondary education at Zamboanga City High School and took some courses at the Zamboanga Arturo Eustaquio Colleges (now Universidad de Zamboanga) and at the University of the East in Metro Manila.

In 1979, 26-year-old Jaime joined the SEA games and became Southeast Asia's strongest man.

## No record broken

"No one broke my record until the last Vietnam SEA games where an Indonesian took my title," he said.

He also joined the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles but was only placed 19th.

"*Uso na kasi* steriod *sa* Western world (Steroids started to be popular in the Western world)," he said.

Apologizing for his slurred speech, Jaime said: "It was all fame, glamour, power, women, money and wine. I was so intoxicated with all of these that I almost forgot I have my family and our God."

**SOUTHEAST Asia's strongest man no more, retired Lt. Jaime Sebastian is bed-ridden and could barely talk or walk.** JULIE ALIPALA

Aside from the cash prize, trophies and medals, Jaime was also promoted to a higher rank each time he brought home the gold.

"I was also in a Johnson and Johnson commercial—the guy who carries a barbell while pouring baby powder on my body," Jaime said.

While in the Philippine Air Force, Jaime was also coach of weight lifting Philippine team members Alvin delos Santos, Arnel Salazar and Antonio Agustin—all of them from Zamboanga.

## Junked and abandoned

But Jaime ended up like an empty baby powder case.

When Jaime had his last stroke at the Philippine Sports Commission office late December, he never thought he will be dismissed as worthless.

"*Ganun pala, para kang makina, kapag bago at may silbi, gagamitin ka nang gagamitin sa ngalan ng bansa. Kapag wala ka ng silbi, pati trato ng pamilya mo* junked *ka na, nararapat na lang sa* junk shop (I realized that I was just like a machine, if you were new and functioning, you will be used to bring honor to the country. But if you are not useful anymore, even your family would treat you differently, it's as if you are fit for the junk shop already)," Jaime said as he tried to hold back his tears.

Even his wife and children in Laguna abandoned him.

"*Siguro galit talaga sa akin ang Diyos, kaya ako nagkaganito* (God may just be really angry with me that's why this happened)," he said.

Abraham, Jaime's brother, said his brother's wife personally turned him over to their care last June.

"What pained us more was not even a single shirt, a photo or an ID was left to my brother. They refused to return my brother's personal belongings—even his medals or clothes," Abraham said.

Jaime's brothers provided him shirts, short pants and occasional medicines.

"But for how long? We do not know. We are already old, and we have also our own families to support," Abraham said, himself a soldier.

## Help

Now, Jaime, formerly the strongest man in Southeast Asia, needs help.

"I want to walk like any other normal people. This time I will make it right," he said.

Myrna and Abraham had asked help from local officials, "but nothing, just a word of support, that's all."

"It's a pity after giving honor and fame to our country. Now he is paralyzed, everyone forgets him," Myrna lamented.

City Councilor Mannix Dalipe said the city council had unanimously passed a resolution recommending to the city government through Mayor Celso Lobregat to extend financial assistance to Jaime.

"But the mayor did not pay attention to the resolution. It just fell on Lobregat's deaf ears," Dalipe said.

"We must not forget that these champions have brought not just honor to our city but to the entire country. How can we encourage young players to do their best and excel when we don't even support the old and sickly old time champions," the councilor added.

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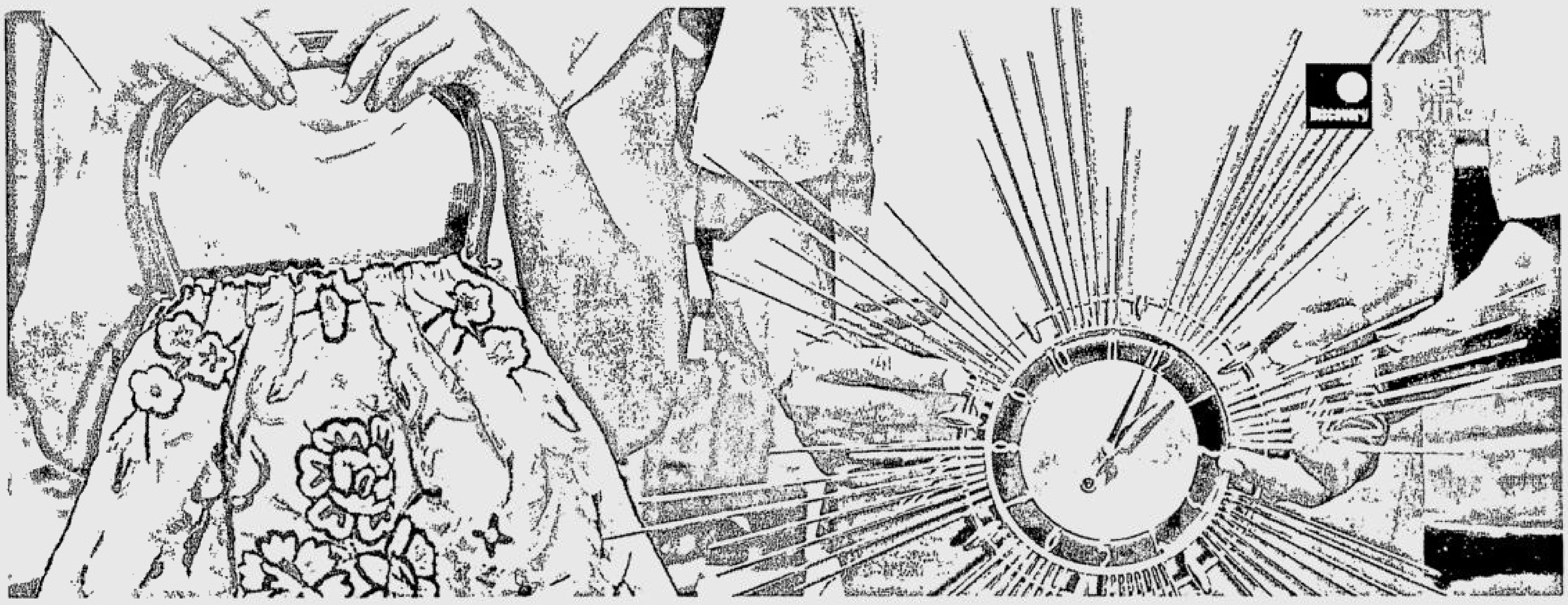

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# Making music in cemetery, where Rey Valera found his niche

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

**AT A LOW POINT** in his life, Rey Valera in search of private space found peace and inspiration and composed some of his monster hits among the decomposing, so to speak, in a cemetery in Meycauayan, Bulacan.

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"You know how it is when you live with relatives. It's hard to find your private space. So for me, to do what I wanted to do, I went to the cemetery," he recalled, adding:

"There's no radio or TV to distract you. There, you can daydream and have deep thoughts: *Sisikat kaya ako* (Will I make it big)? How come we only get to appreciate American songs and Filipino [pop] songs [of that period] that were mostly *tunog-lata* (trashy)?"

### Long hair, bell-bottoms

Valera was then a long-haired college student in bell-bottom jeans, and a member of an amateur rock band in town called, not surprisingly, Electric Hair.

He fondly remembered being one of those Far Eastern University students whom cops would chase without success down Recto Avenue in Manila's University Belt—not to break up a protest rally but to give them the prescribed haircut of good citizenship under the dictator Ferdinand Marcos' New Society.

But the defiant cadence of rock music was not what the Muse whispered to him when Valera found his "niche," literally.

After class and almost daily, usually from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., he would be out of his aunt's house and somewhere in the cemetery composing "Superman" and other easy-playing, mellow tunes.

The music would finally earn him notice from the recording company Vicor, both as a songwriter and a vocalist.

"At sunset, how beautiful the colors changed from where I sat," he recalled, providing a glimpse of that prolific period that produced such hits as *"Malayo Pa...," "Naaalala Ka," "Maging Sino Ka Man," "Kahit Maputi na Ang Buhok Ko," "Kumusta Ka," "Ayoko na sa 'Yo"* and *"Sorry, Pwede Ba?"*

### 'Mr. DJ'

It was also during those years that he got an assignment from Vicor to "write something for this girl, a daughter of a mayor whom I hardly knew back then."

Realizing that the singer was too young for a serious romantic piece, yet too old for a nursery tune, Valera wrote "Mr. DJ" for Sharon Cuneta, the would-be "megastar" of Philippine show biz.

But unlike his other songs, he composed "Mr. DJ," not among the tombs, but during a jeepney ride from Monumento in Caloocan to Meycauayan in Bulacan.

Valera went on to write more hits after leaving the house by the cemetery in the early 1980s. Then starting a family of his own, he moved to another village in the town.

Asked if he had ever entertained the possibility that some mystical or ghostly presence in the cemetery somehow "guided" him in his early hits, Valera just smiled.

"The ghosts I feared most back then were the kind that haunt you from your past, the fear that I might fail [under the weight of family problems], or that my children would suffer the same hardships I went through," he said.

(Those fears, of course, have long been dispelled. With his own secure place in the music business, the father of four has lately turned to managing the budding singing careers of his son and three daughters, who recently cut their first album, "Saling Ket," featuring the latest Valera compositions.)

"What I would consider mystical about it was that, while it was a low point in my life, it was also a turning point where I saw my direction and overcame those fears," he said.

It was in that setting that the "outsider" taught himself how to channel his desire "to please and be accepted" through his music.

"I had that hang-up—a hole in the chest," he confided.

### Creatures of the dark

If he did not compose songs at that point in his life, Valera said, "I would have gone crazy or turned to drugs. It could have been very easy for me to do that."

"His" cemetery was a tranquil refuge by day that turned into a den of prostitution and drugs at night.

"That's where I also learned to be street-wise," Valera said.

But the creatures of the dark—the pimps and their whores, the dealers of dope—left him alone with his guitar, not only because he was a familiar face in the neighborhood but also because "although I had long hair, I looked more like a nerd than someone taking drugs."

"Or maybe because they knew they couldn't sell anything to me because I had no money, not even for beer," he said. "So I just observed."

And dreamed big: "Without that cemetery, there wouldn't be a Rey Valera."

Never mind if, he quipped, his captive audience then was stone-cold—*"walang kabuhay-buhay."*

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ticket to possible opportunities or out of tight fixes, his way of getting even with stronger forces or of conveying the hard, unspoken truth, according to a study that gave Pinoy humor a serious second look.

Designed to give local advertisers more clues to the Filipino psyche, the study was based on inputs from leading brains in the ad industry, the academe and, of course, interviews with comic artists like Dolphy, Joey de Leon, Michael V and Jon Santos, etc.

The Filipino Everyman has many "uses for humor" apart from what he gets as the audience in gag shows or the movies, said Jos Ortega, head of a branding strategy outfit who presented the findings last Friday in Makati City.

Ortega presented these insights to encourage colleagues in the ad industry to do go on tickling the Filipino funny bone. "If it's funny, we're in business," he said. "The shortest distance between your brand and the consumer is a smile."

But he cautioned against rushing into this comedy genre, saying that new materials might only backfire if they "don't respect the intelligence of the Filipino," who are now wary of slapstick and other tired "formulas."

Ortega chairs BrandLab, the outfit that conducted the study which tapped up to 39 comedy "practitioners" made up of performers, writers and creative directors, as well as their audience of typical consumers, radio listeners and TV viewers. His presentation highlighted the 7th anniversary cocktail program of the BBDO Guerrero Ortega ad agency, of which Ortega is also vice chair.

It's his coping mechanism, especially in these hard times, "a cushion from the impact of daily events," Ortega said. When the average citizen goes home from work and turns on the TV, he wants "no more heavy stuff." All he asks is "to humor me."

This may largely explain why Filipinos, with 40 percent of the population considered to be living below the poverty line, still emerged as the third happiest nation in Asia in a survey featured in Time magazine, he said.

### Humor as glue

Humor also serves as the "currency" with which the Filipino tries to develop goodwill with as many fellowmen as possible.

And, by currency, the study meant economics.

Consider the neighbor who humors the storekeeper so that the latter will allow some purchases on credit, or the street bum who cracks jokes to a friend who would probably agree to lend him some beer money.

And when there's tension in a group—whether at work or in a dinner conversation—there will always be the jester who will "lubricate tight situations" with a well-timed icebreaker, Ortega said.

Humor is the Filipinos' "social glue," the reason they tend to break into smiles even in grave situations and would rather avoid conflict or confrontations. Such traits leave foreigners "baffled," he said.

### Breaking the ice

It's also their easiest way to establish rapport with strangers.

In a baptism reception, for example, where almost always the majority of the guests don't know each other, the men would initiate conversations about their *tigasin* or macho image at home.

But *tigas* here would be generally understood as the pun for *tiga-saing, tiga-sundo, tiga-laba* (he who does the cooking, fetches the kids from school and does the laundry).

"Somehow the bonding among the men starts from there," Ortega said.

### 9-11 and 4-11

And since a joke is often "a half-truth," poking fun at someone is Juan de la Cruz's way of approaching delicate subjects, defying the taboo, or "humanizing the gods," from a safe, sniping distance.

For example, someone would ask: "Is our new supervisor smart?"

And an employee would answer: "Oh, yes, absolutely! He's a good dancer."

A text joke currently making the rounds goes: "If the US had 9-11, RP has 4-11" (referring to President Macapagal-Arroyo's height).

# Dying cheap ...

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likbayan box and six times thicker than the box's top and bottom. Wooden handles in kamagong finish complete the casket.

With his product, Tan sees the cost of dying dropping drastically as caskets take up a substantial slice of funeral service costs.

### Biodegradable

Why carton? It is practical, inexpensive and it fits the current trend of cremation, he says. It is also eco-friendly because three months after burial, the casket turns to dust.

For a few thousand pesos more, felt or textured imported fabric is meticulously glued to the casket's entire exterior. Colors range from somber to bright, including cream, white, mocha, mint green, dark blue, silver, yellow and violet.

Tan's Philippine-made caskets are water-resistant and just as sturdy as the ones imported from the US.

### Coffin vs casket

He went to Taiwan to learn the technology and studied the market response to similar products in Thailand, Malaysia and India. He learned everything from scratch—like learning the difference between a casket and a coffin.

"A coffin has a flat top," Tan, a chemical engineering graduate, says. "A casket has an elevated cover."

He says Filipinos dislike coffins. This lesson came a bit too late and killed his first corrugated carton coffins.

"Filipinos like them with shape," Tan says, gesturing with his hands to draw the acceptable form. He adjusted his product. Now he has a market.

### Lessons from the dead

The corrugated fiberboard caskets are displayed at the Loyola Memorial Chapels in Guadalupe, Makati City, and at Funeraria Paz on Araneta Ave., Quezon City. Mayors are particularly interested in Tan's caskets because of their reasonable cost.

Cremation is also becoming the trend in the country, Tan says. In Thailand, the dead are cremated for free. The government donates crematoriums to temples. The crematoriums are then maintained with donations. In China, Taiwan and India, it is common practice to cremate the dead.

In a few years, he says cremation will become a completely acceptable practice in the country, helped along, hopefully, by his new product.

Cremation will become a cheaper option because furnaces are constantly improving, needing less power to be run, Tan says. A corrugated fiberboard casket needs less power to burn than a wooden casket.

The growing scarcity of land is also kicking up the cost of memorial plots, he adds.

A carton casket is a practical and more dignified option for the dead because it goes straight into the furnace. At present, the practice is to take the body out of the metal or wooden casket, place it on a carton tray and roll it into the furnace. The non-cardboard casket is then donated to a charitable organization that needs it.

### Body count

A carton casket is not only easy on the pocket, it is also light in the hand, Tan says. It weighs only 30 kilos, almost half a wooden casket's 50 kilos.

But due to the heavy overall weight (casket plus body equals approximately 100 kilos), pallbearers are reminded to lift the casket from the bottom.

His aim is for an initial turnout of 1,000 units monthly, including the low-end versions. About a third of the caskets are the middle- to high-end versions or the fabric-covered caskets with kamagong-finish handles.

According to Tan, 750,000 deaths occur in the country every year, which translates to 60,000 dearly departed requiring caskets a month. A mere 10 percent of that number means a demand for 6,000 corrugated carton caskets a month.

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# Rodriguez dump reopened

**By Jocelyn R. Uy**

PUBLIC WELFARE CAME OUT ON top in the rift between Rodriguez town and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

Local officials have reopened the Montalban Solid Waste Disposal Facility in this Rizal town, after talks between Mayor Pedro Cuerpo and MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando Friday night.

According to Cuerpo, he and Fernando agreed that a garbage crisis would not help them iron things out.

"A garbage crisis would affect not only our town but the whole of Metro Manila," Cuerpo said over the phone yesterday.

The 14-hectare sanitary landfill in Rodriguez gets some 1,500 tons or about one-third of the garbage generated by the metropolis.

Although no settlement was reached Friday night, Fernando promised to look into the local government's appeal to raise the tipping fee from P600 to P800 per ton, Cuerpo added.

## Hike not in budget

The mayor said he understood that the MMDA did not include funding for any hikes in tipping fee in its budget this year.

"They have to tap Malacañang for that," the mayor said.

On the other hand, Fernando asked the mayor to give them a hand in looking for additional funding to settle the agency's arrears, said MMDA deputy chair Cesar Lacuna yesterday.

The agency owes the town and the dump's private operator P183 million in unpaid fees.

According to MMDA General Manager Robert Nacianceno, the agency remitted to Rodriguez government P11 million for July and P10 million-plus to the private operator from June 16 to 30.

Cuerpo said that after the holidays, he and Fernando would meet again.

Meanwhile, Fernando believed that the reopening of the landfill allayed fears of a garbage crisis in Metro Manila.

**CUTE HALLOWEEN**

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**Children at the Escopa Day Care Center under Kaisahang Buhay Foundation pose with Halloween masks they have made as part of "Artstart." Artstart is a project of Hands On Manila (HOM), a nonprofit group encouraging volunteerism. HOM recently celebrated its 4th year anniversary.**

# Rice dealers decry police harassment

**By Nancy C. Carvajal**

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION Police Office chief Director Vidal Querol has ordered all police units and traffic enforcers in Metro Manila to stop harassing rice delivery trucks.

"Stop the malpractice that besmirch[es] the image of the Philippine National Police," the Metro Manila police head said in his memorandum.

The instruction was in reaction to the complaint filed by Department of Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban with the Office of PNP chief Director General Arturo Lomibao.

According to the memorandum, the agriculture secretary informed the PNP chief of the "numerous complaints of rice traders."

Among the areas identified by the agriculture secretary as problematic were the stretch from Guiguinto in Bulacan, to Cloverleaf in Balintawak, Quezon City.

The rice traders reportedly aired their grievances with the agriculture secretary because of the delay encountered by their deliveries due to unwarranted inspections by policemen manning checkpoints.

"The anomalous checks by PNP personnel had caused delays on the delivery trucks," the complaint reportedly said.

Aside from the checkpoints, the rice owners also had to deal with traffic enforcers who sometimes were out to mulct from the truck drivers who wanted to beat the truck ban, a police official said.

The police official added that "*kotong* and bribery" still top the list of police corruption.

# Former DBM head's house broken into

A BURGLAR WHO HAD TRIED to enter the house of a former budget secretary at the UP Campus in Diliman, Quezon City, succeeded in his second try Friday night but was arrested.

"Nothing was taken from the house and the suspect has been arrested," said Benjamin Diokno, budget secretary during the Estrada administration, in an interview over the telephone.

Asked if he saw the forced entry into his house as politically motivated, Diokno said, "I don't think so."

Police identified the suspect as Joseph Balisi, who allegedly first attempted to enter Diokno's house at about 9 p.m. through a bathroom window.

## Aborted

But Balisi aborted his plan after a neighbor of Diokno saw him and called up Hotline 117, said Supt. Agripino Agcaoili, Central Police District Station 9 director.

Balisi was able to elude responding lawmen from the University detachment and mobile patrols.

At about 1:20 a.m., Joanne Camacho, a complainant in the case, said she she saw Balisi inside the house and cried for help.

## Destroyed window

The suspect, Camacho said, entered the house by destroying a window at the back of the house.

Camacho's cry for help and the screams of her child, who was with her at that time, attracted the attention of neighbors and university guards posted near their house.

The suspect, she said, who was surprised to see them forcibly opened the front door to get out.

But before Balisi could run away on board a bicycle, a security guard caught him.

But Balisi denied the accusation, claiming that he did not enter the former secretary's house.

"I was just passing by when I was suddenly arrested," he said.

*Nancy C. Carvajal*

# 4 alleged robbers shot dead in QC

**By Nancy C. Carvajal**

FOUR ALLEGED ROBBERS WERE killed in what police called an encounter at the corner of C. P. Garcia Street and Katipunan Avenue past 3 p.m. yesterday.

"A police dragnet led to an encounter between police and the suspects of a robbery at a gasoline station in Libis, Quezon City," said Central Police District Director Nicasio Radovan.

## Dead on the spot

Radovan said three of the suspects died on the spot, while a fourth suspect died in a hospital.

Two of the fatalities were identified through driver's licenses found on them. They were Artami Boiser of Molino Bacoor, Cavite, and Juan Ponce Vergara of Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Radovan said the suspects were intercepted by police after a flash alarm of the robbery was broadcasted to all police radio rooms.

The type and make of the getaway vehicle were also passed on to all patrol cars, Radovan said.

The robbery happened at about 1:30 p.m.

## One-and-a-half hour later

One-and-a-half hours later and several kilometers up Katipunan Avenue, police said they chanced upon the suspects on the outskirts of the University of the Philippines campus.

When asked about the long period of time between the robbery and the reported encounter, Radovan said, "We had the plate number and operatives were on the look out."

Pressed if they were sure that the slain men were the robbery suspects, the district director replied, "Are you doubting us?"

Radovan noted that the ID of the gasoline station's owner was among the evidence found in the possession of the suspects.

He added that the money taken from the gasoline station was also found inside the car, a Toyota Corolla with plate number TKE 372.

"The money is there and we have not touched it. It's up to the Soco (Scene of the Crime Operatives) to gather the evidence," he said, adding that it was not immediately known how much was taken from the gas station.

Meanwhile, one of the members of Soco said several handbags found inside the car could belong to other victims of the group.

# Nov. 1 will be quiet in this cemetery

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(starts) with a prayer led by an imam (religious leader)," he said.

But other Muslims don't observe a particular day or month to honor their dead.

## Prayers anytime

"We do pray for them but not necessarily on their death anniversary. We can send them prayers anytime," Winanti Soeroso, an Indonesian, told the INQUIRER in a text message.

She said, in Indonesia, they believed that the soul stayed with the family for 40 days before it journeyed to paradise to be with Allah.

"We remember dates of the death of our loved ones because they would be written on tombs," she added.

But tombstones are not popular with Muslims. At the Imam Moh Kusim Memorial Park, there are hardly any niches, too.

The more than a hundred graves at the cemetery are on the ground, ringed by hollow blocks—some painted, some plain—as markers. The names of the dead and words from the Koran are carved on concrete slabs or pieces of wood.

"The hollow blocks are used to mark where exactly a body is buried," Erlinda Pangandaman, Maharlika's barangay captain, told the INQUIRER as she visited her 24-year-old son's grave.

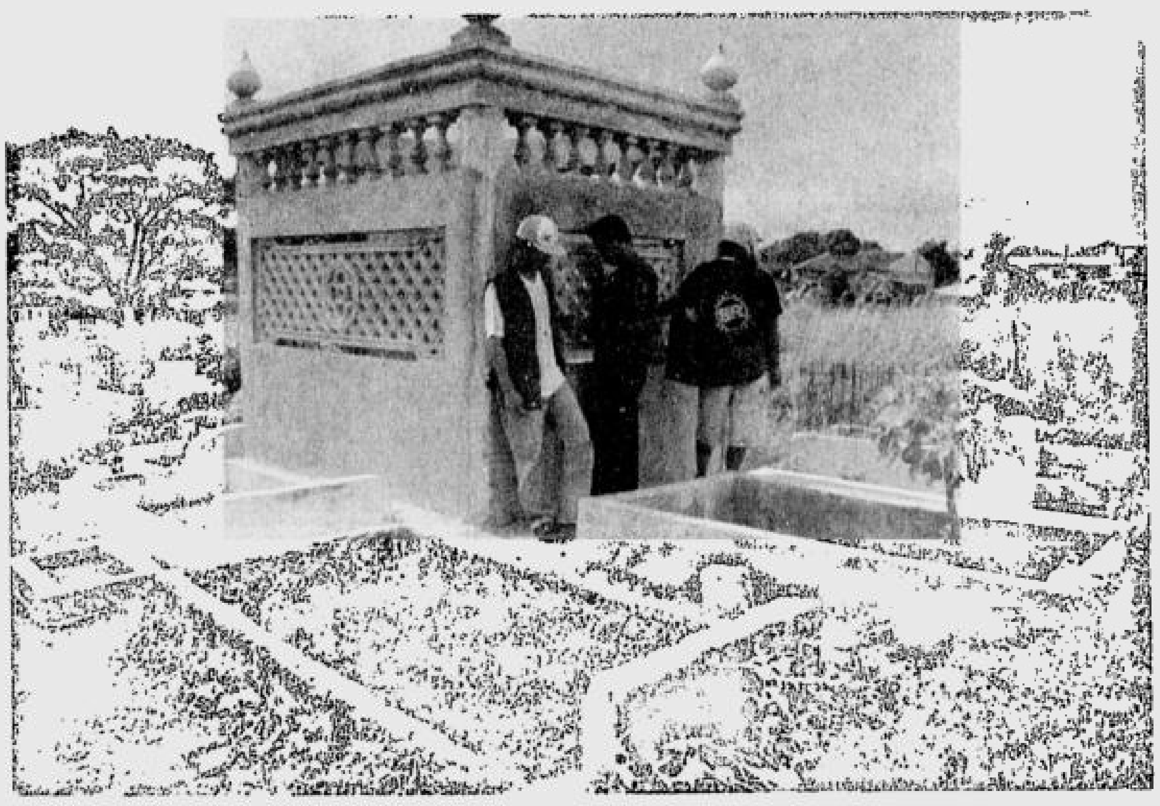
Her son, a barangay watchman, was shot dead in 1999 in front of the barangay hall, allegedly by a group involved in illegal drugs, she said.

Her son's grave is not only ringed by pieces of hollow blocks, but it is enclosed by a concrete fence painted sky blue with enough space within for visitors.

## Simpler

The grave is a simpler and roofless version of fancy mausoleums in Christian cemeteries.

"We don't build roofs so the dead could easily rise from their graves come judgment day," the barangay captain said.



**ONLY a handful of people come to the Muslim cemetery this season, when other burial sites are abuzz.**

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Bua said it was also important that rain fell on the graves: "It's because we came from dust and water."

What was common between Christians and Muslims, Pangandaman noted was that grave sites said so much about a family's social status.

"If a family is well-off, they could beautify the graves of their departed loved ones. But if one has not much, the hollow blocks are enough," said Pangandaman, who was a Catholic 40 years ago.

She was born Catholic but converted to Islam when she married Sultan Panny Pangandaman, a resident of Maharlika Village for 52 years and its sultan since the 1980s.

Pangandaman recalled that her son was killed at night. The body was immediately bathed then wrapped in a white cloth symbolizing purity. Before noon the next day, the body was buried.

But when a Muslim died as a "shahid" or a martyr, he was buried just as he died—his wounds were unwashed as testimony to his martyrdom.

Muslims bury their dead as quickly as possible, preferably before the sun sets on the day of death or within 24 hours after death.

A six-foot deep hole is dug, formed into a cavern so the soil does not cover the body. Banana stalks or hollow blocks are placed on the ground where the corpse will be placed.

The dead are buried on their side so they are facing west, in the direction of Mecca, birthplace of the prophet Mohammed and spiritual center of Islam.

## No autopsy

The Muslim religion forbids autopsies, and does not allow embalming or cremation as corpses are considered sacred.

The bathing and shrouding of the dead in plain white cloth are done by the imam.

"We don't use coffins because we believe that from dust we came, to dust we will return," Pangandaman said.

To express grief, Muslims would display a white cloth on their front yard instead of the black fabric Christians used, she added.

Though the dead was buried right away, mourning would continue seven days. A big celebration was held on the third, seventh, 40th, 100th day and one year after death, she said.

Pangandaman did not wait for Saban to visit her son's grave. Every Friday, she would be at the grave with an imam to pray, she said.

"I pray that his soul reaches paradise," she said.

Though Muslims were not expected to visit the memorial park on Nov. 1, Bua said he would still clear it of grasses for some Christians who would visit dead loved ones who were "balik-Islam." Balik-Islam refers to members of other religions who became Muslims.

# Syndicate pawns fake land titles, busted

**By Margaux C. Ortiz**

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INvestigation (NBI) has busted a syndicate engaged in the production and mortgaging of fake land titles following the arrest of three members in an entrapment in Pasay City Thursday.

The suspects were identified as Shiela Abu, 49, of No. 8 Villanueva St., Alaminos, Laguna; Evangeline Juinio, a.k.a. Susan Roldan, 36, of Laguna; and Cirilo Gangat, a.k.a. Eugenio Roldan, 42, of Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

Agents are still looking for Melecia Bunyi, Vernida Molina and Nelia Musni in connection with the syndicate, according to NBI Intelligence and Special Operations Division (ISOD) chief Allan Contado.

Contado said the suspects used original forms for the land titles, using blank certificates provided by accomplices at the Land Registration Authority (LRA) or Registry of Deeds.

The government agency contacts also provided original land titles for the suspects to copy on the blank forms, Contado explained.

The suspects then pawned the fake land titles to unwitting victims.

"They would not sell the land outright, but instead increase the mortgage so the victim would sometimes end up giving millions," Contado said.

ISOD investigation reports showed that victim Florante Gozon sought NBI assistance when members of the syndicate duped him of almost P1 million.

Gozon said Bunyi, his former housemaid, introduced him to Juinio and Musni who wanted to mortgage "their land" for P100,000.

Trusting Bunyi, he okayed the mortgage in exchange for a 5 percent monthly interest on the loan.

Weeks later, Bunyi came back with Molina who mortgaged a piece of land in Calamba in exchange for P130,000.

Gozon became suspicious when the group increased the mortgage of the lands to more than a million months after he agreed to give them an additional P800,000.

When he verified the land titles at the Register of Deeds in Calamba, these were certified as fakes.

Abu, Juinio and Gangat were arrested by NBI agents in a restaurant on Taft Avenue while accepting marked money from the victim.

"We are conducting follow up operations to determine the identities of their connections at the LRA and Register of Deeds," Contado said.

Estafa through falsification of public documents and falsification by private individuals have been filed before the Pasay City Prosecutor's Office.

# Real money, no value

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INvestigation has issued a warning against the proliferation of Iraqi dinars and demonetized Peruvian dollars.

"These genuine but worthless bills have been circulating in Metro Manila, victimizing many individuals who hope to make money out of nothing," NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said.

The Iraqi currency is a non-negotiable instrument in the country, said NBI National Capital Region division chief Ruel Lasala, citing a certification from the Bangko Sentral.

Earlier, the NBI nabbed four men and a woman selling the bills in Manila. *Margaux C. Ortiz*

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# Nov. 1 will be quiet in this cemetery

**By Jocelyn R. Uy**

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, WHILE other cemetery caretakers are frantically sprucing up their places of work, Amman Bua is taking things easy.

For six years now, Bua has been the overseer of the only Muslim graveyard in Metro Manila located in the outskirts of Maharlika Village, the Imam Moh Kusim Memorial Park in Taguig City.

Busy time for Bua will not be until ten months or so from now when his fellow Muslims will troop to the cemetery to pay their respects to their dead loved ones. Bua told the INQUIRER in an interview that Saban or Syaban, the month before Ramadan, was the time for Muslims to celebrate and remember their dear departed.

## Month-long

"We have the whole month of Saban to remember the dead," he said. This year, Saban was marked in September.

But unlike the festive and almost boisterous observance of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1 by Christians, the Muslims mark the occasion in a rather low-key manner.

Even on Saban, the memorial park remains quiet and somber, with people coming in trickles.

"We don't have to crowd the place because we have a whole month. It's really up to us when we want to pay our respects as long as we do it within the month," Bua explained in Filipino.

The sea of flowers and bouquets and lit candles on tombs—a common sight in Christian cemeteries on All Saints' Day—are absent in Muslim cemeteries.

Bua himself has a grave to visit at the memorial park, his one-year-old son Kamar's, who died of an unknown disease last year. When he goes there, he brings with him garden tools to clean the grave site. He also brings some water that he sprinkles on the grave.

## Cleansing

"It is important to sprinkle water because it cleanses the sins of the dead," Bua said.

Imam Alim Andan said a spray of water was enough to make the dead feel the presence and the love of his or her family.

Cleaning the grave and the sprinkling of water were forms of "*kanduri*" (celebration) for the dead, Andan explained.

He added that candles were not allowed in cemeteries because fire represented hell.

"We don't want the souls to go to hell," he said.

Bua added they also remembered the dead by preparing a meal. He cooked chicken and *pansit* on the 100th day of his son's death, he recalled.

"But the banquet is prepared at home where visitors and relatives are welcome. The banquet

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# Pagunsan 2nd in HK

HONG KONG—JUVIC PAGUNSAN sputtered when it mattered most, firing a two-over-par 73 yesterday to enable Thai Tannin Kwaichai to run away with the individual crown in the Hong Kong Amateur Golf Open Championships.

It was a fold-up unexpected of Pagunsan, who was looking forward to a sweep for the Filipinos here after RP Team A bagged the team title for the second straight year on Friday.

Kwaichai assembled a closing 68 at the Hong Kong Golf Club's Old Course for a 265 total and a six-stroke victory over Pagunsan and Sri Lanka's Mithun Perera, who also signed for a 68.

Tonton Asistio rallied with a 69 and salvaged solo sixth at 275 behind Jonathan Leong of Singapore (70-272) and Panuwat Muenlek, also of Thailand (67-274).

Jay Bayron finished eighth with a 277 (70), Michael Bibat 10th at 282 (72), Marvin Dumandan 17th at 285 (71) and Jun Bernis landed 22nd at (287) 71.

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**MAGNOLIA'S Kelly Williams goes for a layup off JR Quinahan.**

# Rain or Shine, Magnolia down opening rivals

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**By Jasmine W. Payo**

**RAIN OR SHINE RALLIED FROM SEVERAL double-digit deficits yesterday to nip Toyota Otis-Letran, 81-75, and share opening-day honors with Magnolia in the PBL Heroes Cup at the La Salle Green Hills Gym.**

After a shaky start, Rain or Shine turned to veterans Jojo Tangkay and Ronjay Enrile in the final seven minutes to fashion out the come-from-behind win even as Magnolia turned back Granny Goose, 79-70, in the opener.

Tangkay scored 21 points and completed a double-double with 10 rebounds, while Enrile shot 16 markers against his former team.

New recruit Kim Valenzuela, who had a forgettable season in the Philippine Basketball Association with Barangay Ginebra last year, impressed for the Ice Cream Wizards with 17 markers with Mark Isip backing him up with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"We practiced as a team only two weeks ago, that's why I'm thankful for the energy that they poured into this game," said Magnolia coach Koy Banal.

Valenzuela sparked a decisive third-quarter run by Magnolia, which turned a 40-37 edge into a 50-39 buffer.

Enrile spearheaded the searing Rain or Shine charge, hitting two triples in a row that got his team to within 67-68 before four straight Tangkay free throws gave Rain or Shine the lead to stay, 71-68, 3:01 remaining.

Toyota knotted the score for the last time at 73, before six unanswered points by Rain or Shine put the game out of reach.

Joe Calvin Devance, Toyota's prized Fil-Am rookie, finished with 16 points on top of six rebounds, four steals and three blocks.

Earlier, Olympian archer Jasmine Figueroa graced the league's opening rites, along with the RP basketball team that will compete in the third Asean Para Games this December.

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**First Game**

**MAGNOLIA 79**—Valenzuela 17, Isip 13, Williams 10, Rizada 7, Santos 7, Chan 6, Angeles 6, Bombeo 6, Misolas 4, Barcellano 2, Jones 1, Te 0.

**GRANNY GOOSE 70**—Quinahan 13, Santos 9, Ibañes 8, Grijaldo 8, Lanete 7, Latonio 7, Cruz 6, Almeda 5, David 4, Pribhdas 3, Alfad 0, Concha 0, Ferrer 0, Cervantes 0.

**Quarters:** 21-20, 39-32, 62-50, 79-70

**Second Game**

**RAIN OR SHINE 81**—Tangkay 21, Enrile 16, Ortiguerra 9, Aljamal 8, Tan 7, Reyes 5, Malabanan 5, Guevarra 4, Cabatu 4, Orbeta 2, Sagad 0, Sta. Maria 0.

**TOYOTA 75**—Devance 16, Bautista 15, Aban 10, Oreta 10, Aldave 7, Capati 4, Andaya 4, Rodriguez 3, Tagupa 2, Alcaraz 2, Daa 1, Larong 1.

**Quarters:** 15-19, 36-44, 54-63, 81-75

# San Miguel nips Air21 in two OTs

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| Purefoods Chunkee | 5 | 1 |
| Talk 'N Text | 4 | 1 |
| Red Bull Barako | 4 | 2 |
| Alaska | 4 | 2 |
| Barangay Ginebra | 3 | 3 |
| Air21 | 2 | 4 |
| Sta. Lucia Realty | 2 | 4 |
| Coca-Cola | 1 | 5 |
| San Miguel Beer | 1 | 4 |

**GAMES TODAY** *(Araneta Coliseum)*
4:10 p.m.—Barangay Ginebra vs Sta. Lucia Realty
6:40 p.m.—Talk 'N Text vs Purefoods

ROXAS CITY—RICO HILL FINALLY CAME through in the crucial moments as San Miguel Beer scored a breakthrough 123-119 double overtime win over Air21 in the PBA On Tour last night at the Capiz Gymnasium here.

With the game on the line, Hill completed a three-point play and coolly sank his charities in the dying seconds for the Beermen's first victory of the conference after four successive setbacks.

A three-pointer by Dondon Hontiveros and Dorian Pena's split free throws helped the Beermen overhaul a four-point deficit, but Hill proved to be the deciding factor with his tenacity down the stretch.

Coach Jong Uichico and the Beermen moved half a game ahead of the Coca-Cola Tigers (1-5) while sending the Express to their fourth defeat in six games in a tie with the Sta. Lucia Realtors.

Arboleda's triple and a barreling drive by Shawn Daniels put the Express ahead, 110-106, with barely two minutes left in the first extension period but Rico Hill's short jumper coupled with a pair of free throws off a foul by Daniels knotted the count.

Olsen Racela then converted his three freebies after Arboleda caught him with an arm just a foot beyond the arc while Renren Ritualo drilled in a trey on the other end, 21.5 ticks left, stretching the match into another extra five minutes.

Tension pervaded the air when Arboleda unnecessarily hacked Dorian Pena on the way to the basket right after game officials had already stopped the clock and assessed Ranidel De Ocampo with a foul.

Arboleda and Pena trash talked while Nic Belasco joined the verbal tussle, forcing the referees to throw them all in a technical with still nine minutes remaining during regulation.

Danny Seigle and Pena combined for 22 points in the first half as the Beermen built a 55-51 edge before the intermission.

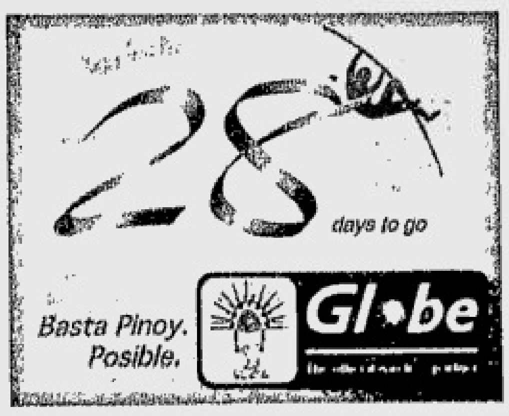
The Express made 58 percent of their shots in the third quarter, far more accurate than SMB's 35-percent shooting clip.

**The scores:**

**SMB 123**—Hill 22, Belasco 17, Seigle 16, Racela 15, Hontiveros 15, Pena 12, Calagulo 11, Adriano 6, Ildefonso 6, Villoria 3.

**Air21**—R. De Ocampo 21, Daniels 17, Tubid 17, Arboleda 14, Ritualo 13, David 11, Ferriols 11, Fran 5, Canaleta 4, De Ocampo 4, Dacia 2, Gonzales 0, Se 0.

**Quarters:** 30-23, 55-51, 79-83, 104-all, 113-all, 123-119



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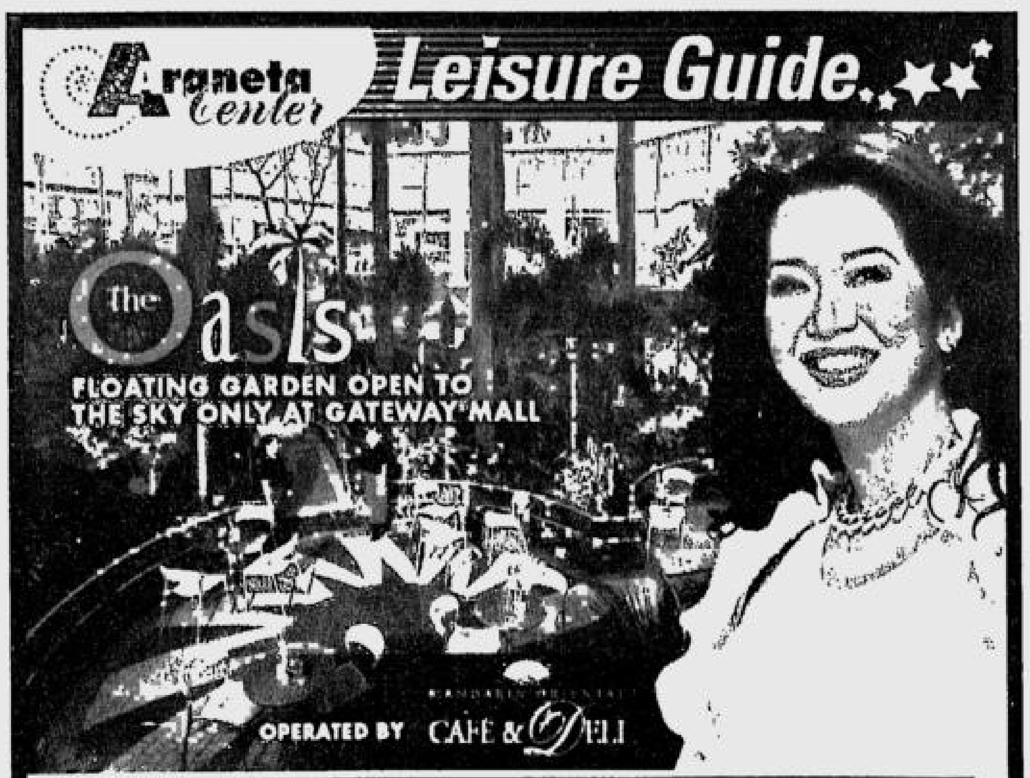

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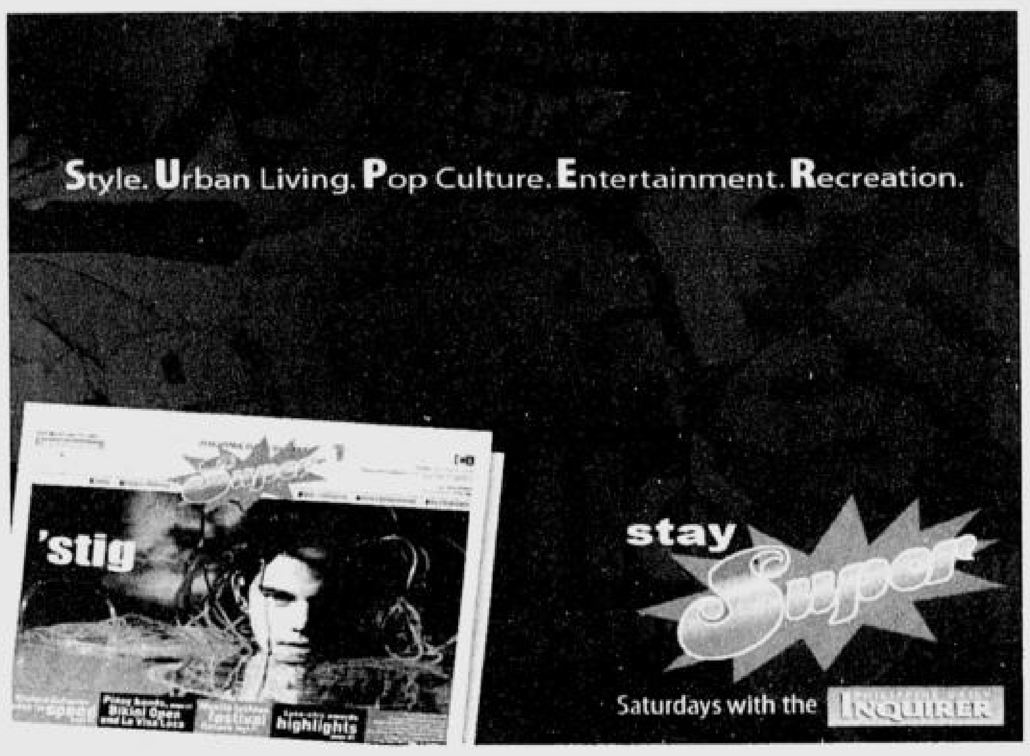
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# Tagaytay chessers prevail

TAGAYTAY LOCKED UP the 2005 National Inter-Cities & Municipalities Chess Team Championship title after its two teams downed separate rivals in the semifinals to forge a titular showdown.

Tagaytay A leaned on skipper Grandmaster Joey Antonio to edge last year's champion Alabang, Muntinlupa City, in the tie-break after splitting the two-game semis at the Tagaytay Sports Center.

The tie-break ended in a 2-all standoff, but Antonio won over fellow GM Nelson Mariano II on the top board to shove his team to the finals. The rule states that in case of a tie in team competitions, a decisive match on the highest board will decide the winner.

Tagaytay B encountered no such complications as 11-year-old Fide Master Wesley So won twice over FM Rico Salimbagat on board 2 to key his team's victory over Tanauan City.

The first semifinal game saw Tagaytay A win over Alabang, Muntinlupa, 3-1, and Tagaytay B split the point with Tanauan, 2-2. The second game had Alabang, Muntinlupa winning over Tagaytay A, 3-1, and Tagaytay B blanking Tanauan, 4-0.

In the quarterfinals, Tagaytay A banked on FM Fernie Donguines' win over NM Rolando Nolte on board 2 to edge Parañaque City, 2.5-1.5, while Tagaytay B struck on the lower boards in a 3-1 victory over Pasay City.

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# Eugene's move; NLEX delight

ATHLETES EAT LIKE YOU AND ME (ISN'T THAT obvious?). Like you and me, too, they love to entertain thoughts of engaging in the business of eating.

It is, therefore, not surprising if you see them putting up their own restaurants. Among the pioneers include Samboy "The Airwalker" Lim and Allan "The Triggerman" Caidic, Ramon "El Presidente" Fernandez, Olsen Racela and Mark Telan, to name a few.

And so in a very short while, one athlete will join the club of super athletes with a restaurant.

**SPECTATOR**

*Al S. Mendoza*

I mean, in a move that isn't really much of a Ruy Lopez or an Alekhine depending of course on whose side you are in, Eugene Torre, the greatest grandmaster Asia has ever produced (and he's still going strong, mind you), will open his own restaurant shortly at Katipunan Ave., corner Santolan Road in Quezon City's posh White Plains area.

It could happen on Nov. 4, the 54th birthday of Eugene Torre, a national sporting treasure whose humility is beyond compare.

Eugene's restaurant had its "soft opening" on Friday, Oct. 28, and I tell you, the menu that day—even as it was just a glimpse of what is being bruited about as a "festival of cuisine delights"—could give the established eateries in the area a run for their money. No less than Marilin "My Love" Torre will man the kitchen.

A brainchild of his long-time friend Cesar Iligan ("My Love" calls him "Groovy Daddy"), Eugene is toying with the idea of naming the joint E.T. Rook & Castle Corner.

What do you think, fellas?

I have suggested "Eugene Torre Bar & Restaurant" simply because the name "Eugene Torre" itself sums up everything about the man: the country's living legend in chess.

Oh, well, I can only suggest, of course.

If you think you have better ideas, text them to 0918-9499220. Eugene & "My Love" will only be too glad to hear from you.

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I was in my hometown in Pangasinan on Wednesday, Oct. 26, and I was there again yesterday, Oct. 29.

I did both trips back and forth in one day—in a breeze. It didn't take me three hours to complete one trip of 177 kilometers, one way.

My, the ease with which I cover the distance—leave Manila in the morning to catch the 8 a.m. breakfast of Nani Braganza's famed Alaminos *longganisa* and lunch of escargot, fried *hito* and *pinakbet* in Mangatarem, then drive for home just before mid-afternoon, arriving in Quezon City usually before 5:30 p.m.

I have now discovered that, sometimes, it's more troublesome going to Makati from my home in Quezon City and back in the afternoon than driving up North and then homeward-bound on the same day.

The completely remodeled NLEX (North Luzon Expressway) is the key. It has given me back the joy of the sport that I love next to golf: driving to the country, mostly en route to my roots.

Oh, how I love to see kids in their naked innocence diving into rivers from bridge railings dotting the highway—the same thing I did on weekends when I was growing up, diving almost endlessly into that brook off Pogon Lomboy along the now-famous Romulo Highway not far from Camiling, Tarlac. Naked, too, of course.

Indeed, if we want things done as the NLEX example showed, there is nothing in this world that can't be accomplished.

As *balikbayan* Soc Sison of Hercules, San Francisco, said: "This new NLEX is the best thing that ever happened to the Philippines in a long, long while."

Do I see a smile on Marlene Ochoa's lips?

Marlene, of course, is the tireless aide-de-camp of Ping de Jesus, the unassuming brains behind the magic that is NLEX.

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FASTBREAK. I condole deeply with my former immediate boss, Manolo "Doc" Iiñgo, who just lost a son, Joaquin, 38, after a lingering illness… Yesterday, they laid Tia Lilay (Mendoza Sison), a kind-hearted lady, to her final resting place at the Roman Catholic cemetery in Mangatarem, Pangasinan. All her seven children—Atchie Minerva, Kuya Napi, Kuya Bonnie, Lily, Vicky, Didi and Soc—were in attendance during the burial rites… Congratulations to the PLDT Business Group for winning the PLDT best-of-three championship series. Cheers!

# 16 archers on to SEAG

SIXTEEN RECURVE AND COMPOUND BOW archers have been recommended to carry the national colors in the 23rd SEA Games at the Subic Bay Freeport in Olongapo City next month.

These are: Recurve—Jasmine Figueroa, Rachelle Anne Cabral, Edwina delos Reyes, Katherine Annalyn Santos, Florante Matan, Marvin Cordero, Mark Javier and Christian Cubilla.

Compound—Amaya Paz, Jennifer Chan, Joann Tabanag, Abbigail Tindugan, Carlos Carag, Adam Jimenez III, Gil Gabriel and Earl Benjamin Yap.

They were recommended to the NAAP (National Archery Association of the Philippines) Board led by Dr. Lenora Fe S. Brawner.

The recurve coaching staff is composed of Henry Manalang, head coach, Dr. Ferdinand Brawner, assistant coach/therapist; and Crispin Gimena, assistant coach. Handling the compound team are Pedro Cortez Jr., head coach; Manuel Martinez, coach; and Ma. Victoria Gustillo, assistant coach/psychologist.

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# Celebrity team clinches Ayala Greenfield

CELEBRITIES ARIEL RIVERA AND Vernie Varga helped their team capture the top award in the inaugural staging of the Ayala Greenfield Invitational recently at the Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed Ayala Greenfield Estates course in Calamba, Laguna.

Rivera and Varga joined hands with Vernie's husband Ric Oledan, Kathy Tangco-Ong, Archie Castillo and Ryan Chan to assemble a five-under-par 67 under a Modified Scrambled format to beat two other teams for the title.

For their feat, each of the six members of the team won a 21-inch television set plus a trophy, Johnnie Walker Green label and a
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# 6th Philto Champion

**By Edwin Villanueva**
*Contributor*

THE BIGGEST GATHERING OF the country's racetrack standouts led by Empire King, Real Spicy, Red Star Rising and Euro Bucks unfolds Nov. 6 when the 6th Philtobo Grand Championships blast off at the Santa Ana Park.

Emerging stars Manila's Gem, Don Exequiel, Dixie the Younger and Special Edition as well as classy colt Speed Advantage and latest sprint specialist Moab are also joining the star-studded lineup of the rich, annual racefest.

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# VP, 4 firms back Espiritu Cup golf

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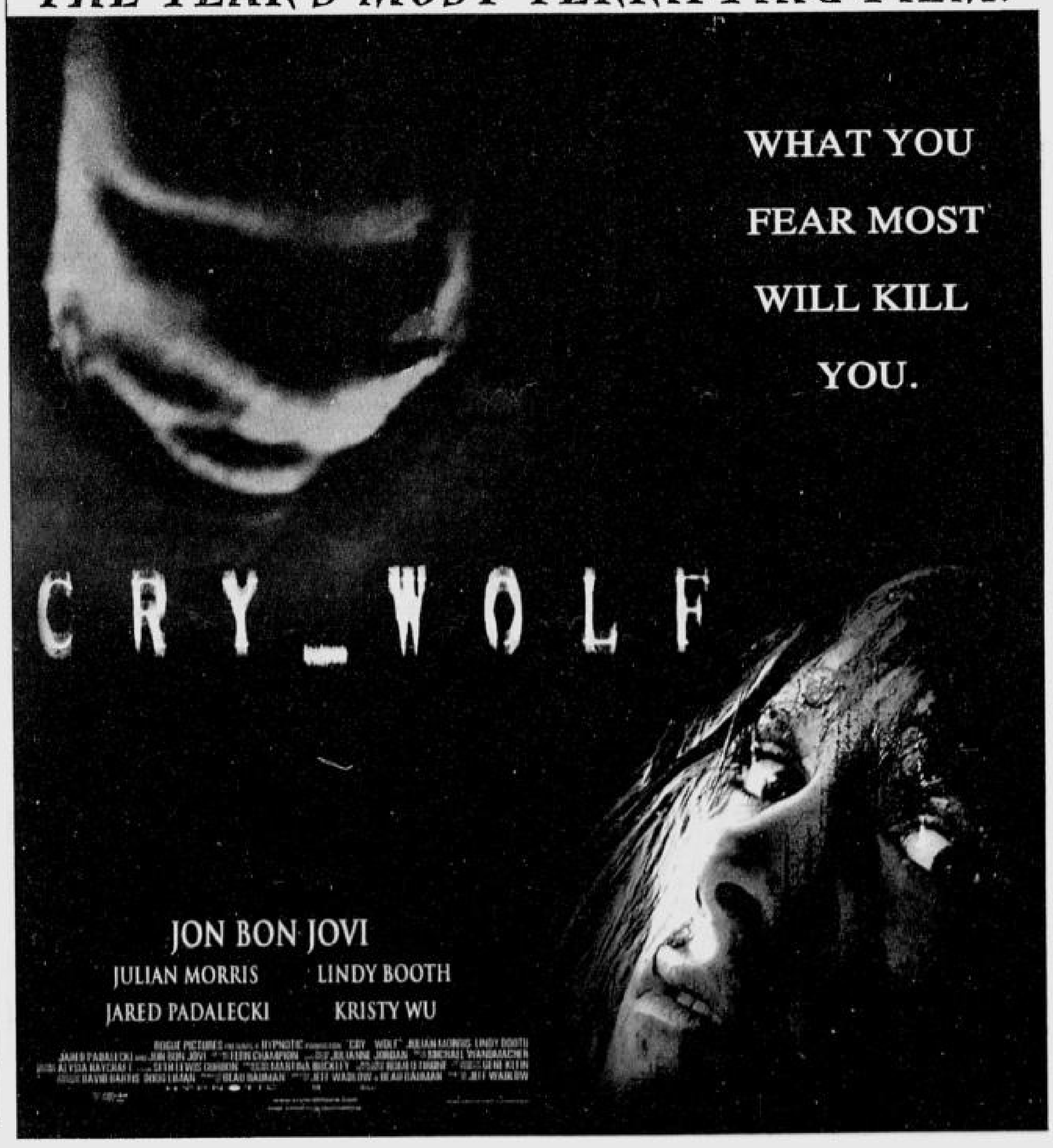

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Empire King is targeting a win in the Classic following victories in the 2-Year-Old Colt and 3-Year-Old Colt in 2003 and 2004, respectively.

Voted as last year's best galloper, Empire King heads to his next big assignment two weeks after ending his 4-month long layoff with a narrow win over Speed Advantage in the 5th Santa Lucia Cup under latest rider John Cordero.

Colliding with the Perfect Halo-Carta Nueve progeny are 2003 Presidential Gold Cup champion Red Star Rising of father-and-son Francis and Michael Trillana, speedy Last Hazm of Hermie Esguerra and veteran campaigner Windlass of the Niles Stable.

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AYALA Greenfield GM Laurent Lamasuta, with the winning team, from right, Chan, Castillo, Rivera, Varga, Oledan and Tangco-Ong

# TJGL tourney at Valley today

INTERNATIONAL TITLISTS BANner a big field seeing action in the fourth annual golf tournament of The Junior Golfers League (TJGL) slated today at the Valley Golf and Country Club executive course in Antipolo.

Among those in the roster are standouts of the junior scene coming from the TJGL ranks, including Bambee dela Paz, Cyna Rodriguez, Marcel Puyat, Paulina Sotto, Andie Unson and Remo Fueg.

Winners in the jungolf and parents/guests divisions will receive specially-designed trophies by Tropiko.

There will also be a lot of raffle items, according to TJGL president Rey Capinianes.

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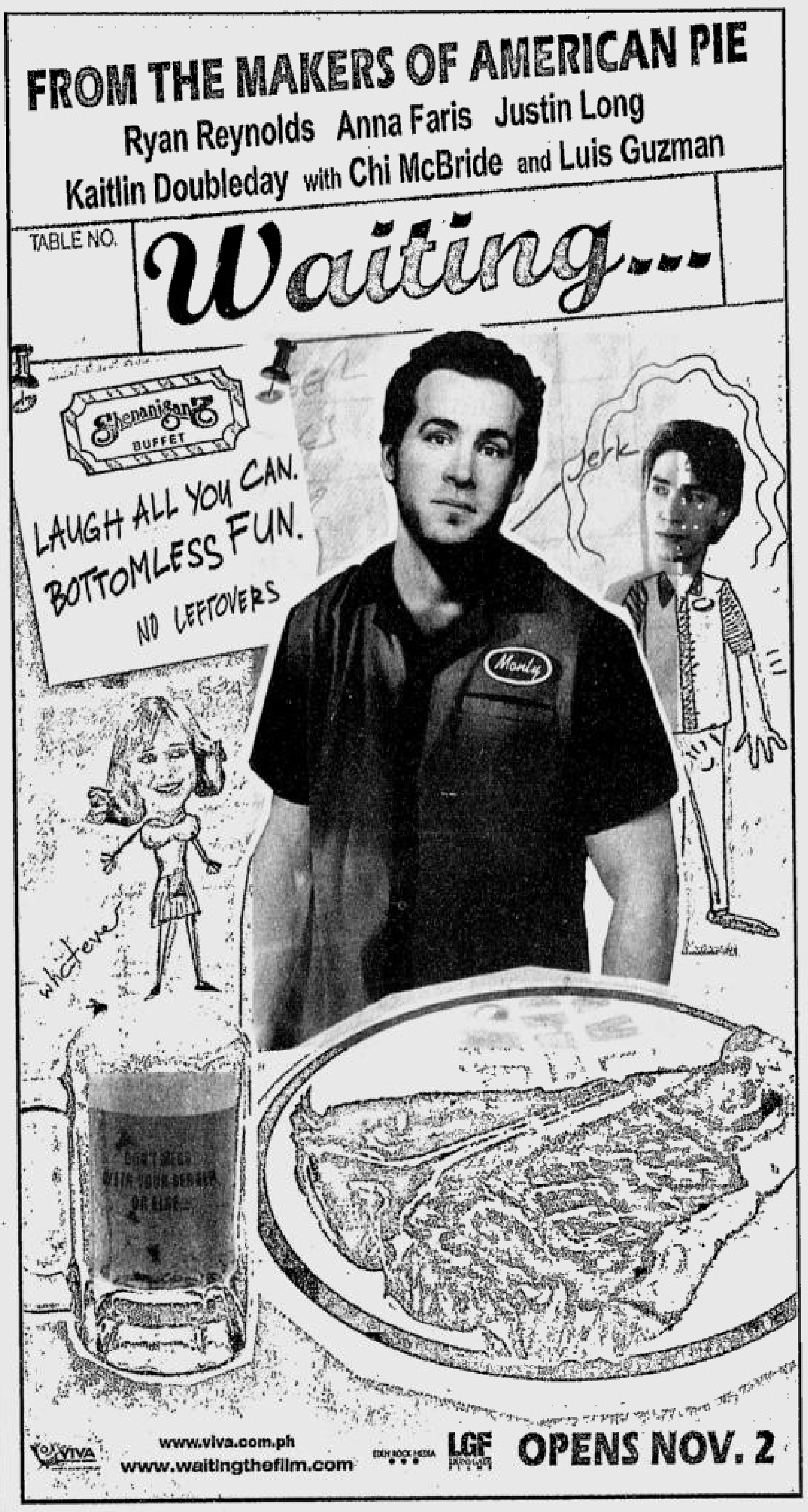

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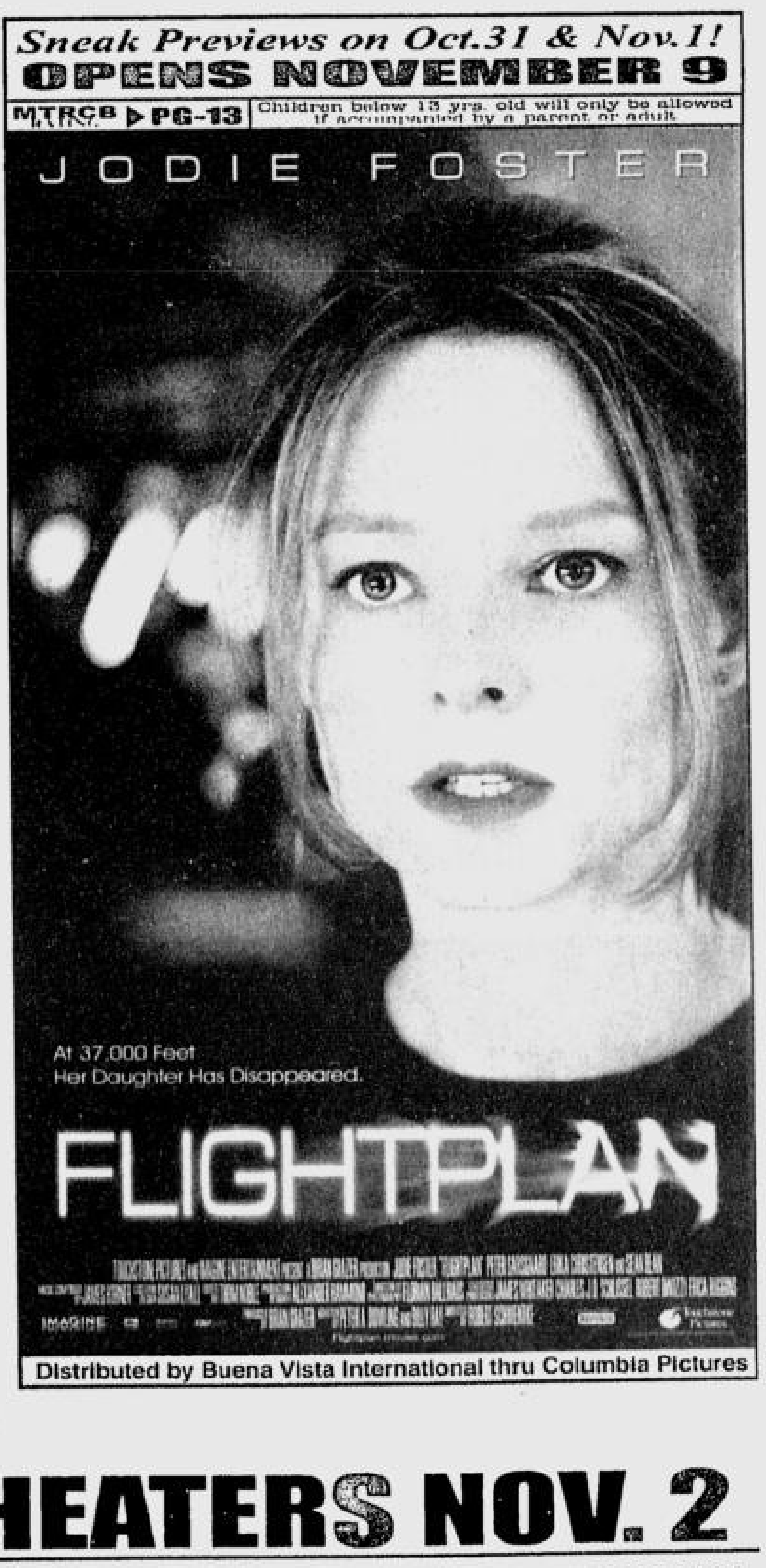

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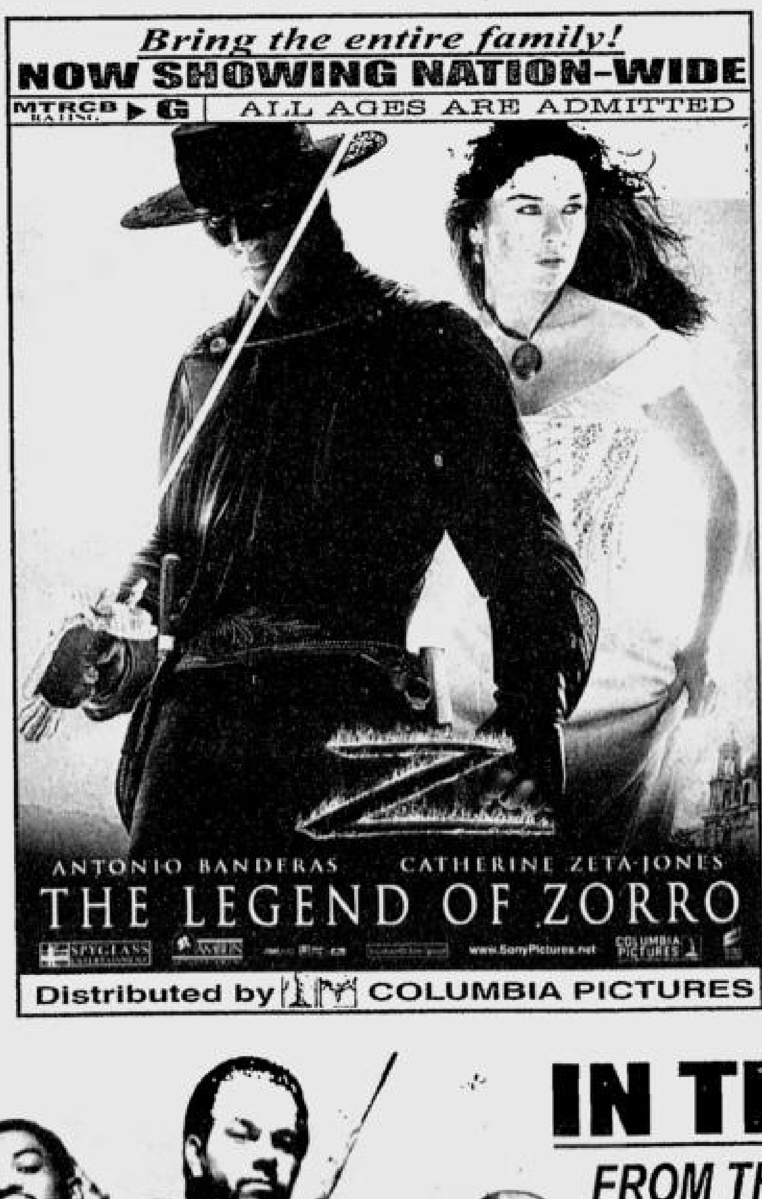

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# Davao booters strike again

BAGO CITY—DEFENDING CHAMPION Davao broke through in the homestretch to nip a fagged-out Negros Occidental side, 1-0, Friday and top Group A of the 2005 PFF-Adidas U-19 National Youth Championship here.

A beneficiary of clever teamwork inside the box, midfielder Johnny Victor Molinos struck the game-winner with a curling shot from 10 yards on the 90th minute, breaking the hearts of football-loving Negrenses at the Manuel Torres Sports Complex pitch here.

Needing only a draw to seal the top spot in their group, the normally aggressive Davaoeños concentrated on defense in the first 80 minutes against a team that missed four key players and coach Norman Fegidero for the second straight game.

The four players—Jason Panhay, Bryan Eborda, RJ Toralballa and William Valencia—will play in the semifinals tomorrow when Negros and Iloilo rekindle their bittersweet rivalry.

Iloilo earlier clinched the top spot in Group B with a 6-1 win over Iligan.

Davao plays National Capital Region in the first semifinal schedule at 8 a.m. with the Big City booters expected to be beefed up by FEU standout Romnick Javier. NCR geared up for its clash against Davao with a 7-1 tripping of Rizal Friday.

**GAMES TODAY**

8 a.m.— Davao vs. NCR
2 p.m. — Negros vs. Iloilo

## SPORTSWATCH

### Cycling search series goes to Vigan

AFTER a day of serious biking, riders in the fourth and final leg of the Cycling Search Invitational Series on Nov. 5 in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, will have a chance to wind down and relax courtesy of San Mig Light. One of the new several supporters of the criterium races organized by Treo Sales Management Corp., San Mig Light will hold a party for the bikers and their fans to cap the day after the long hard quest for honors. Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, his son Ronald Singson, and Vigan City Mayor Ferdie Medina will roll out the welcome mat for the huge CSI caravan that is expected to arrive on the eve of the event also sponsored by Pagcor Casino Filipino, Partas Transport, TCL-Sun Inc., Jollibee Vigan, Arnette extreme sports eyewear and Activade. The contests in the elite pro, elite men, masters, youth and women's categories are expected to be keen in the event backed by Vigan Baluarte and Hidden Spring Mineral Water. Focus will be on the keen rivalry in the elite pro category between pacesetting Orly Villanueva and Bernard Luzon of the Pagcor Casino Filipino Trade Team.

### NU clouters dump Alabang

JAY MORAL homered and drove in three runs as National University routed Alabang, 19-0, recently for its second straight win at the Alabang Country Club. Moral, 17, finished with two runs and four RBIs to go with his home run that earned him the player of the game award in the Kids Tournament of Champions Baseball event sponsored by Coca-Cola. Makati City also registered win No. 2 after beating Palayan City, 10-0, in the four-week tournament organized by the Junior Baseball Softball Foundation of the Philippines (JBSFP), in cooperation with Pure Play Sports Management and sponsored by Coca-Cola. "If they continue the way they played today, we might see an NU-Makati City championship in the Colt Division," said JBSFP executive director Christina Manzano.

### Coseteng seeks season ending sweep

SAN MIGUEL Beer driver Jody Coseteng hopes to formally capture the crown with a bang as he guns for a season-ending sweep on Nov. 5 and 6 in the championship round of the 2005 Petron National Touring Car Championship at the Batangas Racing Circuit. The final leg of the Petron National Touring Car Championship will go back-to-back with the championship round of the 2005 Asian Formula 3 Series in the "BRC Full-Throttle Extravaganza Weekend" that will showcase the country's finest car racers and Asia's best drivers. Coseteng got the title in the bag following his sweep aboard his newly repainted Erg car in the penultimate leg that hiked his total to 177 points in this event sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines and sponsored by Petron Ultron, Kilton Motors, Yokohama Tires and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. With Coseteng assured of the crown, focus now shifts on the battle for runner-up between Philip Alvendia of A3 Motorsports-Malayan Automaster National Touring Team and Dominic Bon. Renan Morales also eyes another sweep to clinch the Petron National Junior Touring Car Championship plum.

### UST, La Salle head badminton field

UNIVERSITY of Santo Tomas and La Salle brace for a tough outing against a field out to foil their title-retention bids in the JVC Inter-scholastics Badminton Championships set Nov. 17-23 at the PowerSmash Badminton Center and Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City. Ricky Bartolome, Alfredo Mallon, Pierre Arden Pantig and Ryan Conde head UST's back-to-back title bid in the men's side while Therine Chan, Paula Chan, Michelle Guerrero, Paula Obañana, Stephinie Sy and Jean Pearl Go carry the cudgels for the Lady Archers as they seek to defend their crown in the ladies side of the centerpiece collegiate division. The organizing IMG said registration is free and is ongoing. Entry forms are available on the website, www.jvcbadminton.com. Deadline for submission of entries is on Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. For details, contact 894-2995, 0917-8050702, 0917-8050601, 725-2568 and 0917-5288970. Also entered are Far Eastern U, Trinity College, Philippine Normal U, PUP, PWU, Miriam College, Siena College, College of St. Benilde, PMI, TIP and Colegio San Agustin-Southwoods. Joining the hunt for the crown are Holy Angel University of Pampanga, University of Visayas, University of San Jose Recoletos-Cebu, University of Mindanao, Ateneo de Davao and Iloilo Doctors College.

### Ringside TV Boxing today

SUPER-feather prospect Cesar Amonsot tests his mettle against Arnel Porras in the main feature of today's episode of Ginebra San Miguel's Ringside TV Boxing, from 3-4 p.m. on ABC-5. Amonsot, only 21 years old and a pride of Tagbilaran City, Bohol, and a protégé of Cebu sports patron Tony Aldeguer, is the top challenger for the WBO Asia-Pacific crown being held by a Thai. Presented by Galorde Enterprises Inc. and ABC-5, with supports from PCSO, the Amonsot-Porras clash took place at the Mandaue City Sports Complex in Cebu, and will also be seen through Mabuhay Channel to different parts of the United States, Canada and Japan.

### Tribu Verde benefit golf Nov. 28

THE LA Salle Greenhills Tribu Verde Batch '81 is holding a golf tournament on Nov. 28 at the Sta. Elena Golf and Country Club for the benefit of the St. Jaime Hilario La Salle Integrated School. The tournament, to be held in cooperation with the La Salle Green Hills Alumni Association, will also benefit the Tribu Verde Foundation and poor school children. For details, call architect Jun Benito 0917-8906061, Emil Alvarado 0917-8965787 or LSGHAA office, 7212729 and 7227750.

### 70 fights up in Las Piñas derby

A BIG crowd is expected tonight at the Las Piñas Coliseum when the Sunday Special 4—stag derby sizzles at 6 p.m. featuring more than 70 fights. Sponsor is Sagupaan Complexor 3000. This is the first time that Las Piñas Coliseum will hold a bigtime event on a Sunday, said coliseum manager Alex Tobias. Derby host Danny Alejo will be supported by former Mayor Nene Aguilar as well as members of the Pasay Cockpit Cockers Association (PCCA ) and Gentlemen Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP). Among the participants are Boy de Roca, Patrick Antonio, Pol Estrellado, Eric dela Rosa, Butchoy Olano, Benjie Lim, Gerry Ramos, former senator Ramon Revilla, Gen-gen Arayata, Muroy Dolorico, Cito Zamesa, Capt. Emil Chua, Itan Veluz, Wewe Burgos, Sonny Lagon, Alex Tobias and Rudy Sayaman. For inquiries, contact 873 -1040 and 874 -3910.

### 3rd leg of LGBA derby Nov. 8

THE THIRD and final leg of the Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA) 7-stag derby series, which has attracted thousands of followers in its last two outings, is scheduled at the Araneta Coliseum on Nov. 8 and 10. The Gamecock Breeder of the Year title will be disputed in this event, said LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz. The leading contenders are Jun Santos of Rizal (11.5 points ), Sonny Lagon of Laguna (11), Jun Guia and Gene Garcia (10.5), Jaime Arandia (10), Tony Boy Tabora, Eugene Tan and Larry Sevilla (9.5), Jojo Pilongo (9), Alex Tang, Joey Contreras, Joel Artus, Roy Zaraspe, Jun Dasig, Peter Uren and Dalwin Yulangco ( 8.5 ). For information, contact 926-7808, 924-5072 and 0920-5851940. Event sponsors are Lakpue Drug Inc., Robichem, Excellence Gamefowl Specialists, Thunderbird Enertone and Vitarich Panabong.

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# Lim deserves day in court—lawyer

THE LAWYER OF EMBATTLED BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines secretary general Graham Lim yesterday said that his client, like anyone else, deserves his day in court.

Lawyer Manuel R. Singson said in his appeal to Malacañang that Lim must be accorded due process and has to be presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a proper court.

"Graham Lim deserves his day in court to prove his innocence, Singson said, adding that his client is being tried by publicity without the benefit of a fair and impartial court trial.

LIM

Malacañang junked last Tuesday Lim's appeal to set aside the deportation order earlier issued by the BI. Lim has 15 days to appeal the decision before a warrant for his arrest is issued by the BI.

"Graham is charged of said deportation case sans any independent finding or objective ruling that he is an alien," Singson said in his appeal. "Since the liberty of Graham is involved here, the constitutional guarantee of due process of law demands that his alleged citizenship should first be determined in judicial proceedings."

Singson reminded Malacañang and the BI that in the absence of proof to the contrary, "every man is considered or presumed to be a citizen of the country in which he resides.

"The burden to prove that Graham is not a Filipino is with the BI and has not yet been concretely established by a competent court," Singson said.

For his part, Lim reiterated that his deportation case has been a result of a vicious power play by high-ranking sports officials.

"They resorted to this (pursuing his case with the BI) when they sensed that I don't want to cooperate with them in the formation of a new basketball body. "At first, one sports emissary promised to help me with my BI dilemma if I would accede to their wishes. But the following day, the same emissary told me that my support was no longer needed and that they are pushing through with their plan of having me deported."

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# Manila bets overwhelm MYG rivals

**By Marc Anthony Reyes**

ALREADY GROANING UNDER THE WEIGHT of its gold medal haul, Manila picked up more victories in swimming at the Rizal Memorial pool behind a couple of tank wonders in the Manila Youth Games national invitational yesterday.

Teenage sensations Tessa Alcantara and Apryl Herrera both claimed their fourth gold medal in swimming to highlight Manila's dominance of the six-event competition among the top 17-and-under athletes from 29 local government units.

Manila won 16 gold medals in swimming alone yesterday to boost its golden collection to 57 on top of 44 silver and 39 bronze medals.

Laguna Province picked up four golds each in athletics and swimming for a second-running gold-silver-bronze count of 28-16-14. Muntinlupa was third at 12-8-10 followed by Quezon City and Parañaque, with medal tallies of 11-13-13 and 10-13-9 tallies, respectively.

Manila is expected to cap its runaway triumph with another medal splurge in taekwondo, which is scheduled today.

Alcantara, 16, triumphed in the girls' 15-17 50-meter butterfly and 100m breaststroke. The BS Biology freshman from La Salle earlier took the 50m breast and 50m freegolds last Friday.

Herrera, 17, reigned supreme in the girls' 15-17 200m free and starred in Manila's 400m freestyle relay win.

An electrical engineering freshman at UST, Herrera won the 100m butterfly and 400m free last Friday.

Laguna also had its share of multiple gold winners in sprinters Angel Balatibat and Jasmine Chaves, who captured three and two golds, respectively.

Balatibat seized the girls' 12-under 50m and the 200m golds to go with her century dash victory last Friday. Balatibat timed 7.8 seconds in the half-century dash, while clocking 30 seconds flat in the 200m, .09 seconds off Fil-American and guest entry Tahlie Cablayan.

Chaves, the reigning Palaro champ, snatched the girls' 16-17 200m plum with a 27.2 time. She actually placed second to guest Fil-Am runner Krizia Apelar (26.4 seconds) but was adjudged the winner. She won the 100m dash gold the other day.

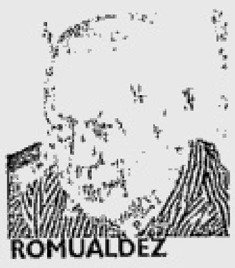
Other Manila winners were Ingrid Ilustre in the girls' 10-under 200m free and Gian Berino in the boys' 10-under 200m free.

Scoring victories for Quezon City in athletics were Normala Mangotara (girls' 13-15 1,500m), Mary Jane Milano (girls' 16-17 discus throw) and Ralph Anthony Servidad (boys' 13-15 1,500m).

The event is presented by Globe Telecoms and sponsored by Pagcor, San Miguel Corp., PAL, Super Ferry, Milo, Unilever, Speedo, Red Bull, Land Bank, Isuzu Manila, Intrasports and Concept Movers.

# Football honcho calls for support

JOHNNY ROMUALDEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE Philippine Football Federation (PFF), is requesting football fans and enthusiasts to wear the colors of the National Team in every match day of SEA Games football beginning Nov. 20 in Bacolod City (men) and the 23rd in Marikina City (women).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Romuladez cited the positive effects of people-support in South Korea and Japan when both countries co-hosted World Cup 2002. He added, "wearing the team colors, flag waving, and even face painting and hair dyeing to the colors of the National team gave psychological rewards to the co-hosts who finished their best-ever in World Cup competition. South Korea placed 4th while Japan made it to the top 16.

More than 500,000 South Koreans in red shirts and jerseys poured onto the streets of Seoul to celebrate their country's goal and victory against Portugal. In Japan, 55,000-strong blue-clad home crowd filled the stadium in the Japanese' opening game against Belgium. The trend to wear their national team's colors went all the way to the final games of the competition.

Romualdez believes the home crowd in Bacolod and Marikina will help greatly in propelling both RP teams to the medal round. Domeka Garamendi, PFF acting GenSec said that the Nationals will wear their blue uniforms for their opening day matches.

Ed Formoso, PFF promotion and publicity man, added that the PFF is coordinating with the provincial football associations of both cities in connection with gaining people-support for the squads.

The Negros Occidental Football Association (NOFA) is under the leadership of Representative Charlie Cojuangco while the Marikina City Football Association (MCFA) has Mayor Marides C. Fernando as its chair.

# The wild, dark world of Mickey Rourke

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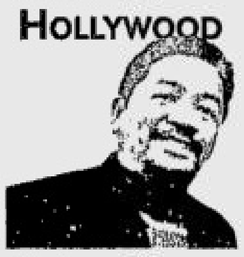

*Ruben V. Nepales*

LOS ANGELES—MICKEY ROURKE'S life is as wild and dark as that of the title character in "Domino," the action-drama film in which he stars.

Once considered among Hollywood's top actors, he reigned in the 1980s, steaming up the screen with "9 ½ Weeks" and the controversial "Angel Heart" where he had sex scenes with a nude Lisa Bonet who was a minor at the time. Bill Cosby led an outcry against the film, since Lisa had just gotten off the family-oriented "Cosby" TV sitcom, where she played one of his daughters.

When Mickey's career hit the skids, he returned to boxing, one of his earlier jobs. Images of Mickey in the ring, bloodied, were sad illustrations of what had become of the fine actor, who many had thought would go on to lead a long, thriving and distinguished career as a thespian. Instead, the whole world saw parodies of the person.

Today, many believe that Mickey has had facial plastic surgery. They lament that the handsome, expressive face has become puffy. Not a few feel that Mickey should have just allowed nature to take its course.

In "Domino," directed by Tony Scott ("Top Gun," "Enemy of the State"), Mickey plays Ed, leader of a band of modern day bounty hunters (they do exist, running down fugitives for a price).

Keira Knightley plays the title role loosely based on the true-life character Domino Harvey. Not even the most imaginative screenplay could have concocted the twists and turns of this real Domino's life.

The daughter of English actor Laurence Harvey, Knightley had a privileged upbringing. She attended boarding school in England and moved to Beverly Hills in her teens. She was a ramp model in Paris. But Domino was restless. While she was down and out in LA, she found her true calling—as a bounty hunter. Venezuelan actor Edgar Ramirez makes an impact in this movie as Choco, who joins Domino and Ed in tracking down and capturing thugs and criminals who have jumped bail.

Mickey's girlfriend, a brunette bombshell, sat in the back of the hotel meeting room as he answered questions with characteristic humor and candor. Below are excerpts of our press con with the cursing, chain-smoking resurrected actor.

**You seem at ease in this movie. Does the world of bounty hunters appeal to you?**
I was on medication (laughter). No, it was mainly interesting because the director was Tony Scott. I wouldn't have made this particular movie if Tony wasn't the director. It would have been like a macho formula movie. That wouldn't have interested me because [then] it would be boring.

**You're a father figure of sorts in this movie.**
More like a big brother, yeah.

**Do you regret not having children?**
No. I have seven dogs. Well, one passed away two weeks ago. I have six left. They're my kids. If I couldn't guarantee that I would always be there for the kids, then I wouldn't bring something into the world. I never really wanted to have children because I never wanted to do to them what happened to me because that was such a nightmare (his stepdad, said to be a strict disciplinarian, reportedly slapped his kids around).

**You've been photographed with this small dog. What are the names and breed of your other dogs?**
Where's the dog? He was supposed to be here an hour ago. He's late. He's coming with me to work in Canada on Friday so he's getting the papers today. My dogs are of different breeds—chihuahua, pug and mini eskimo. Their names are Loci, Chocolate, Ruby Baby, Bella Loca, Jaws and La Negra.

**Can you talk about Edgar Ramirez, who makes such an impact in this movie?**
In the beginning, they were thinking of somebody else doing the role, some gringo flavor of the month Hollywood guy (laughter). I grew up with Latin people in Florida and there's no way that a gringo can play the part. Unless you get Al Pacino—but somebody like him comes around only every 30 years. To do that kind of acting, you're better off getting a Latin actor instead of listening to someone with a bad accent. So I'm very glad that they hired Edgar. I saw a movie that Edgar did. I said to Tony, you've got to hire this f-----g guy. You can't put this white guy in there (laughter). As soon as Edgar walked in the room, I liked him. I said to Tony, come on, please.

**Your character has a little bit of an underlying relationship or an attraction to Keira's character. Are you as shy as your character?**
I was really more in love with Edgar's character than Keira's (laughter). You didn't know that there was something going on between Ed and Choco? You didn't see that?

**No, I didn't.**
Well, you've got to watch the movie again. I mean, he's a good-looking man.

**What was so challenging about this**

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THE ACTOR during the press con, left, and in a scene from his latest movie, "Domino."

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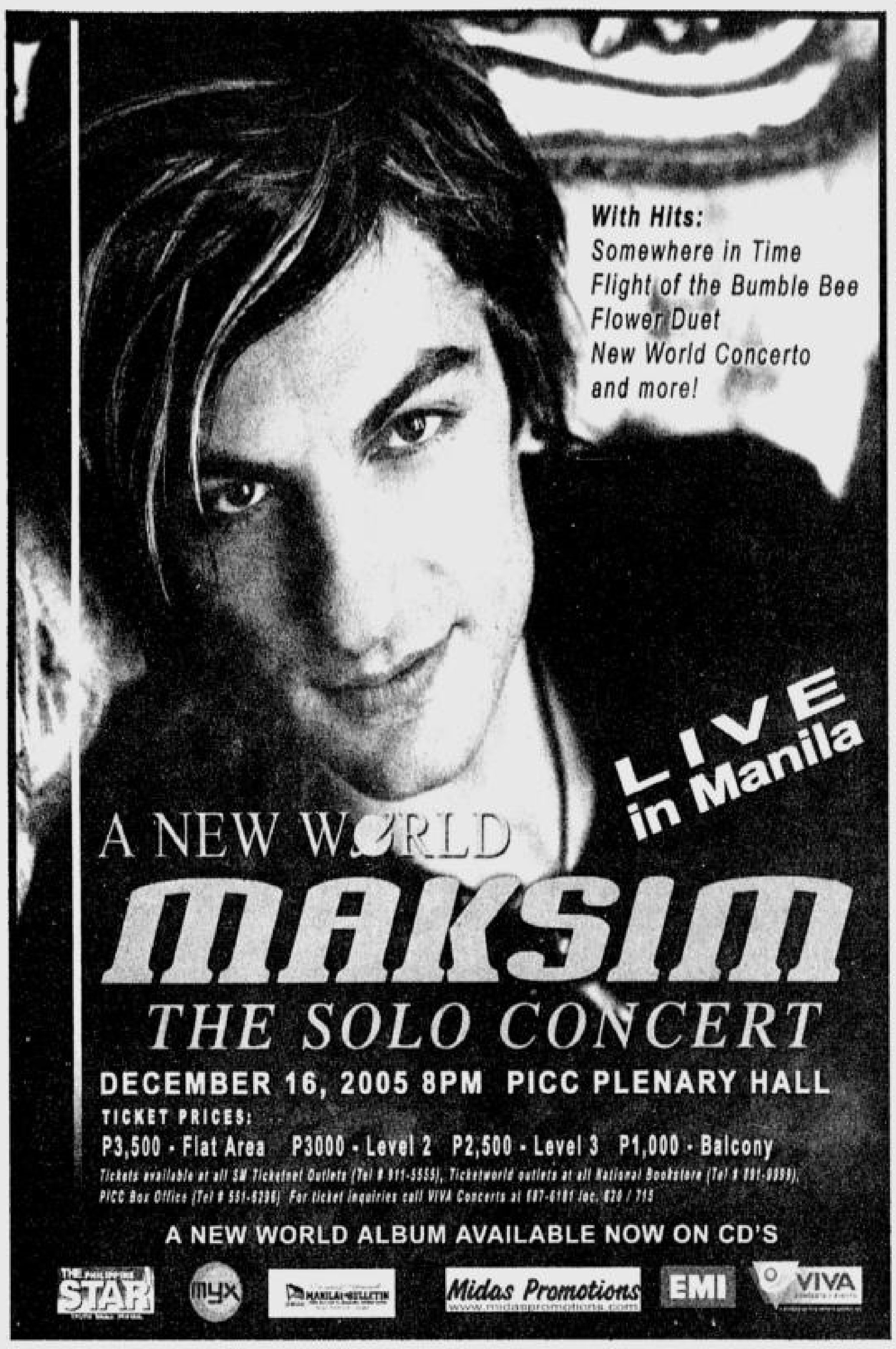
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# The wild, dark world of Mickey Rourke

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**role?**
I rolled out of bed and said the lines. What took a bit of an effort was to communicate with Tony that I don't want to make Ed just this one-dimensional thug who is a bounty hunter. I want him to have layers. I wanted my character to have a funny bone, be curious or be confused—so it's always challenging that way.

**It's great to see you back on the screen. What happened... and how are you a different man now?**
What happened was that I came from the street and when you make it, you start to make money in this business. You're in this town, you beat on your chest a little bit and think, you're never going to disappear and then one day, you fall on your ass and it takes you 14 years to pick your ass back up. It's a rude awakening because when you f--k up in this town, it's very easy for people to go like this (he made a dismissive wave with his hand). That's the nature of people to do that. This is a town built on envy. When you fall, you don't always get a second chance. I worked very hard to get a second chance. I thought I would get it in a year or two or three. But it took over 10 years so it has been a very humbling experience. I don't feel that I deserve to be back more than I feel grateful to have an opportunity for a second chance. I don't believe in luck because I worked real hard at it. I felt the years go by because when you fall from grace the way I have, you live in shame. It's very embarrassing to be considered finished, washed up or a broken man. When your return doesn't happen in one, two, three, four, five, six years, you start to believe it's over, too.

MICKEY Rourke, Keira Knightley and Edgar Ramirez in Director Tony Scott's film about bounty hunters

**It's interesting to hear you talk about your so-called disappearance because it sounds as if you were mystified about why you couldn't go back that fast while the media made it seem that you left the business in a mystery.**
It was both. It was mainly my fault, though. I was good at blaming someone or something else. It's very easy to go, "It's this motherf-----'s fault." When I had to look in the mirror one day, I realized that it wasn't just my career that I lost. I lost a lot of things along the way. I realized it was me, not everybody else and it was from being young, arrogant, irresponsible and angry—that's not a bad cocktail. I mean, that is a bad cocktail (laughter) especially when it goes on for 14 years.

**So what changed?**
One day when you lose everything and you look around and you go f--k the guy in the mirror, you change everything—the people you have around you, what you do every day. The change is very hard especially if you don't want to change and you don't think you have to change. It's a lonely dark road until you get any daylight.

**Can you be more specific about what changed?**
I didn't have any rules for myself before. As soon as my balls dropped, there were no rules for me, which was wrong. It was just an angry, stupid way of how I looked at life—no happy endings there. What changed is my taking responsibility for the consequences of when, let's say, my fuse is too short and all hell breaks loose. You're going to read about it the next day and it's going to be embarrassing. And there are going to be consequences with who might want to hire me for a job. I never used to think about any of that stuff.

**When did you change?**
When I sat down in my house as they were taking away the furniture and everybody, everything was gone except me and the dog, yeah (laughter).

**What are your biggest regrets then?**
Every f-----g thing. I made 10 million mistakes so if I can't say that I made a million mistakes and that I have a million regrets, then I'm a piece of s--t. I have a lot of regrets. I did a lot of stupid crap. I looked at Keira—she's 20 years old and she was in the make-up trailer reading a book, being very proper, knowing her lines and she was always on time. I went, why the f--k couldn't I do that? That's a regret. It's not a big one but well, it is a big one.

**So do you still have dreams?**
Just nightmares, yeah.

**With your admission of all your mistakes and ups and downs, what advice can you give to someone like Robert Downey Jr. who is also back?**
He's been around long enough. He should know better. I think he's working now. He's doing all right now, I heard. I just wish him luck. You know, stay off the pipe, brother.

**You said that you used to be very angry but...**
No, but I'm still angry. I am just not saying it.

**So these days, what makes you angry and when you do, how do you restrain yourself?**
(Joking) I have a dog about this big and I kick him in the ass really hard (laughter).

I said too much already. I am just going along for the ride now, just watching and listening, and no flapping my wings too much because it's nice to be back to work. I don't want to rock the boat anymore. My ass is very sore. I have been sitting on it for a long time.

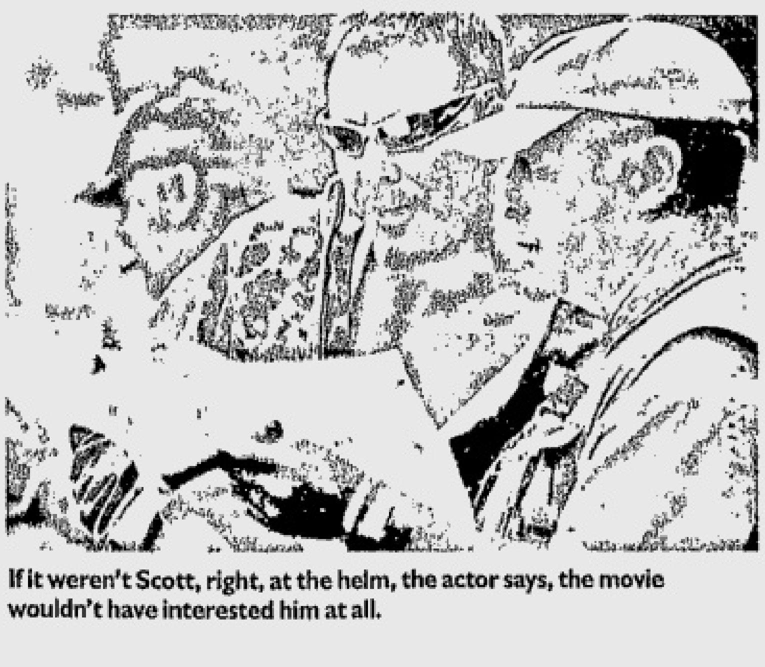
**And how do you deal now with fame now?**
The only thing I could say is, people come up to me in the last six months and they go, "Oh, you're back." I look at them like, you don't know where the f--k I've been for 14 years. You don't know what it's like when you've been gone so long that it doesn't feel like you're back. You still feel like you're in the garbage can so it's like, it's nice to have the lid off but you can still smell the s--t.

**But don't you feel that this suffering makes you a better actor?**
Yeah, but sometimes you could be intelligent about it and not put yourself in a place where you have to suffer so much.

**So you still struggle every day?**
The old demon is still there. I have to keep him quiet.

**We are glad that you came for this interview because we hadn't seen you in a long time.**
Well, nobody wanted to talk to me for 14 years so I am glad to be here.

*E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com.*


If it weren't Scott, right, at the helm, the actor says, the movie wouldn't have interested him at all.

## FEEDBACK

**FROM AFN of Singapore, via e-mail:**
"I just want to say that Aiko (Melendez) has always been a habitual offender/troublemaker because she is one arrogant b--- so I am not surprised at all."

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**FROM Patrick Charles Castillo of Jeddah, via e-mail:**
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# 'Legend of Zorro' a pleasant distraction

THE BEAUTIFUL Catherine Zeta-Jones and the precocious Adrian Alonso

**REVIEW**

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
*Contributor*

THIS IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A Hollywood sequel that's self-contained enough to be enjoyed on its own. "The Legend of Zorro" continues the saga of the masked champion of the masses, following the success of its 1998 predecessor, "The Mask of Zorro." This action-packed installment gets to further develop the two lead characters from the first movie, spouses Alejandro/Zorro (Antonio Banderas) and Elena (Catherine Zeta-Jones). The couple's intriguing secret lives become more challenging when their troublemaking young son Joaquin (Adrian Alonso) joins the fray.

The story is told kinetically even as a different dynamic is explored: Alejandro still surfaces from time to time as the peacekeeping man in black, so he's rarely around to prioritize family matters, much to lovely Elena's perpetual disappointment. Zorro is definitely not a brooding, night-stalking Batman in this regard, as he has a smart wife whom he must answer to. Nope, he's no longer a dashing bachelor; in fact, he has Zorro junior to raise as properly as possible.

## Zeta-Jones gets to kick more butt here than Banderas does ... and the kid's a scene-stealer

The script is snappy and makes use of funny bilingual dialogue from time to time, yet it possesses a simplicity that effectively conveys the volatile political scenario of pre-statehood California in the mid-1800s. There are bigots, humble hacienda owners, well-connected villains involved in vast conspiracies and adventure-seekers—characters that populate a rather dark era that perpetuates the legend of a helpful mystery vigilante.

But for all the involving action and the spark-filled interactions between Banderas and the breathtakingly beautiful Zeta-Jones, the film has a good share of eye-rolling moments, particularly when the couple's son Joaquin gets built up in a few action sequences as the possible future successor to the Zorro mantle. This character, while charismatic, gets pretty annoying when least expected. Still, the kid actor Alonso looks promising; he adds a wide-eyed enthusiasm to the mischief-maker and works well, too, in dramatic scenes.

Zeta-Jones' character figures in several brawls, an action heroine who gets to kick more butt, it seems, than Zorro himself. She's quite a sight to behold—yes, we can't say that enough—plus Elena is sympathetic as a sly, savage lioness determined to protect her cub and den. "The Legend of Zorro" gets to underscore a "we're all in this together" message from the beginning, in fun and creative ways. True, it gets corny and boring in parts; nonetheless, it will distract most family members for the greater part of its running time of two hours and 10 minutes.

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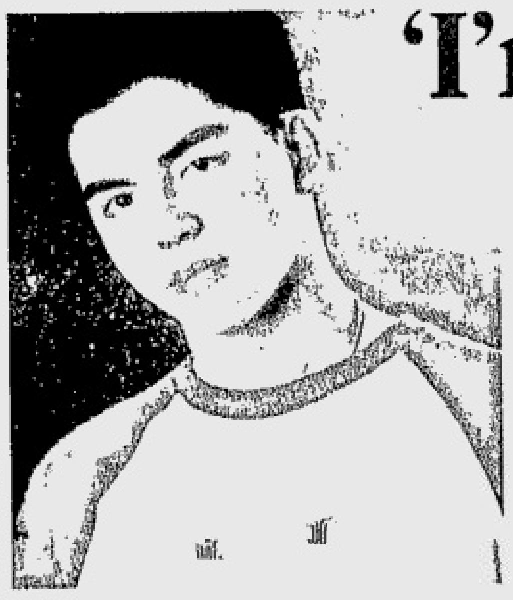

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**MARK:** We were too attached.

# 'I'm just glad we're through'

By Nini Valera

DURING THE PRESS CON FOR their Metro Manila Film Festival Move "Blue Moon" on Tuesday, Jennylyn Mercado acted as if Mark Herras didn't exist.

The young star ignored her former boyfriend even as they passed each other down a narrow hall at the Imperial Palace Hotel, where the event was held.

She told INQUIRER Entertainment in an exclusive interview that it was best that way, so she could move on.

"I'm glad we're through," she declared. "I can now focus on my work."

Focus was probably her motivation when she shot love scenes with Mark for the romance drama directed by Joel Lamangan for Regal Entertainment.

"That's professionalism," said Jennylyn. "I don't think our breakup has changed the onscreen chemistry between us."

## She cried

This is not the first time that Jennylyn and Mark—winners of the talent search "StarStruck" on GMA 7 in 2003—have called it quits. Theirs has gone on and off since it started about one and a half years ago.

They last broke up in August; before then, a month was the longest they had been apart.

Jennylyn, 18, said, "You know men. They never seem content with what they have." She would not elaborate, more than to say the latest split-up was instigated by Mark.

"I cried for two weeks," she confided. "I don't want to talk about this anymore." This time, she vowed, the breakup is for good.

Meanwhile, she has built a house

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ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

**JENNYLYN:** This breakup is for good.

# Is show biz only for the young?

VIEWFINDER

*Nestor U. Torre*

OPRAH WINFREY'S POPULAR TV TALK-VARIETY show has pushed for a number of innovative approaches and changes through the years, making the program a role model for other intrepid and committed productions to emulate.

"Oprah" has proven that a talk show with a female host need not limit itself to traditionally "female-friendly" topics like cooking, fashion and crafts.

On top of her many innovative missions in the past, Oprah has added another initiative, this time in the field of entertainment: The show biz scene is dominated by young performers, but what about more mature singers? Is it too late for them to get their crack at stardom? Oprah says: Definitely not!

Since there are no singing tilts that give mature performers a chance to prove their worth, and thus attain stardom, Oprah has put up her own competition for older musical talents:

Her TV show's Pop Star tilt invited older amateur singers to send in audition tapes, from which the eight most promising talents were chosen as finalists.

Each finalist was asked to sing on the show, and viewers "voted" for their best bets. When the top three singers were selected, ace jurors like **Simon Cowell, Baby Face** and **Alicia Keys** were invited to evaluate their performances in the grand finals.

Then the show's viewers picked the top winner, who turned out to be a mother of five!

The talent search was so successful that a recording company announced that it would come out with an album, not just for the grand champion, but for all eight finalists.

## Good model

THUS, Oprah's musical "experiment" succeeded beyond her wildest dreams. She wanted to help one mature singer make it, and now eight were being given a chance to shine by way of their group album!

Music industry denizens and fans in the Philippines can learn a lot from Oprah's initiative. We are exceedingly youth-oriented in our preference for talents, and pass up on so many fine talents whose only liability is their being on the wrong side of 30.

The better attitude is simply to focus on *talent*, rather than age. If a 40-year-old turns out to be a great singer, let's help him or her enjoy the acclaim and success that his or her exceptional ability deserves.

If we opt for this more enlightened view, we'll have more gifted and exciting singers to listen to. And we won't have to put up with the good-looking and young non-singers who make listening to "music" such a torment these days.

## The Speaks are here

WASHINGTON DC-based Fil-Am rock band The Speaks is in town for a number of engagements and bar tours. The band has become popular with songs like "Life's a Joke" and "High."

It's also won medals in different competitions: First Place in the 2004 DC "Last Band Standing" tilt, 2003 JAXX "World's Last Battle of the Band," and 2003: Ultimate Attitude Buzz" Battle of the Bands Finals.

On Oct. 29, The Speaks performs at Clamshell 1 in Intramuros. Fronting are Session Road, Stonefree, Join the Club and Kinky Hooters, and The Speaks' guests are **Barbie Almalbis, Kitchie Nadal** and Rock Steady. Call 687-1709.

## Jen Aniston on 'Oprah'

EVERY Sunday at 8 p.m., Star World telecasts "Oprah Prime Time." Upcoming shows: Nov. 8, **Jennifer Aniston** speaks to Oprah about **Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt**, and life after Brad.

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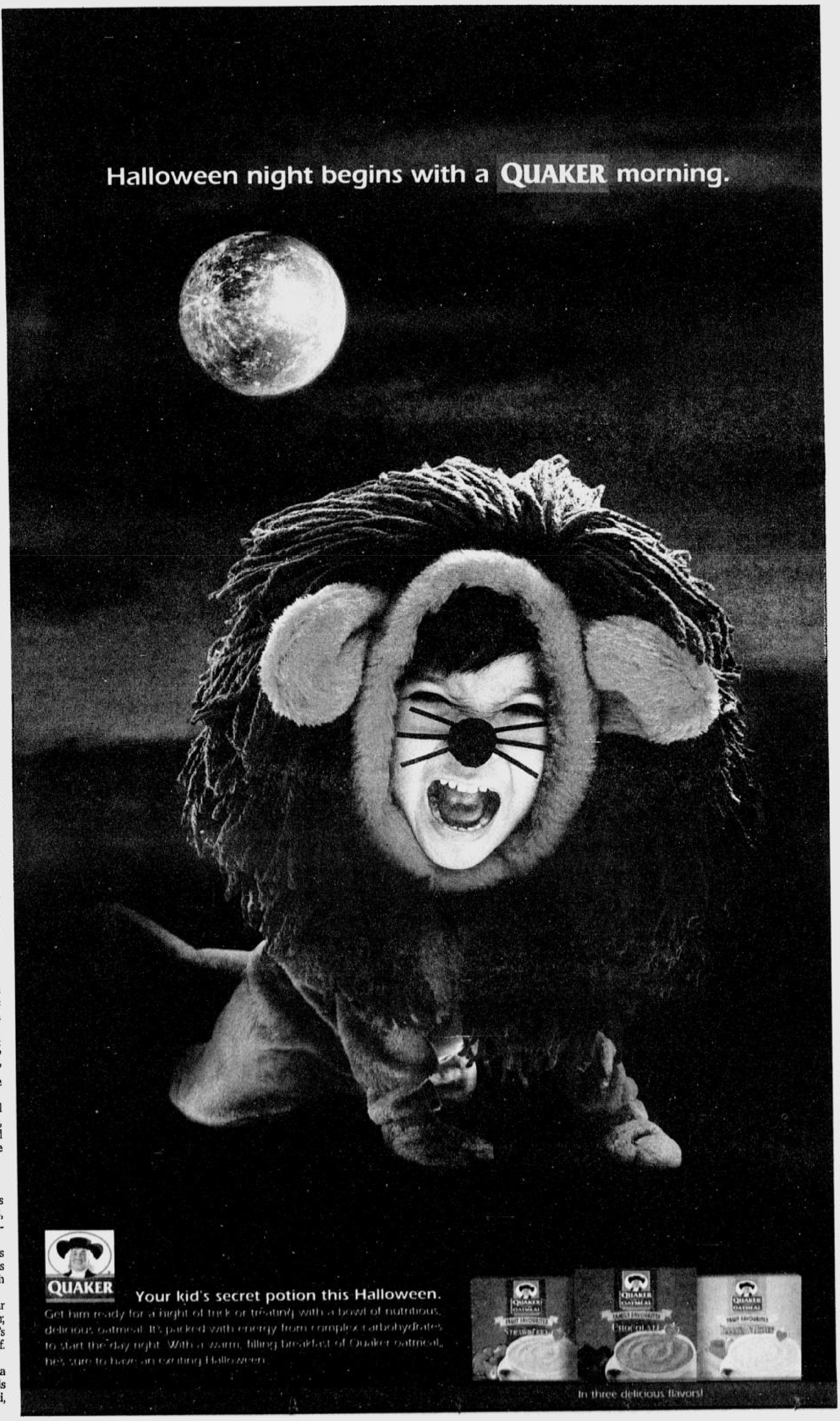

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# 'I'm just glad we're through'

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for her adoptive parents just a stone's throw away from Mark's house in Quezon City.

"I'm saving up for a business," said Jennylyn. "But I also want to finish my studies." She is enrolled in a home tutorial program to finish high school.

## Mark's side

"What happened was, we became too attached to each other," Mark, also 18, said. "We were going too fast. I just want to step back."

But, he insisted, he still cared for Jennylyn. "One of these days, I'm sure we'll start talking again," he said. "For now, I'm giving myself space."

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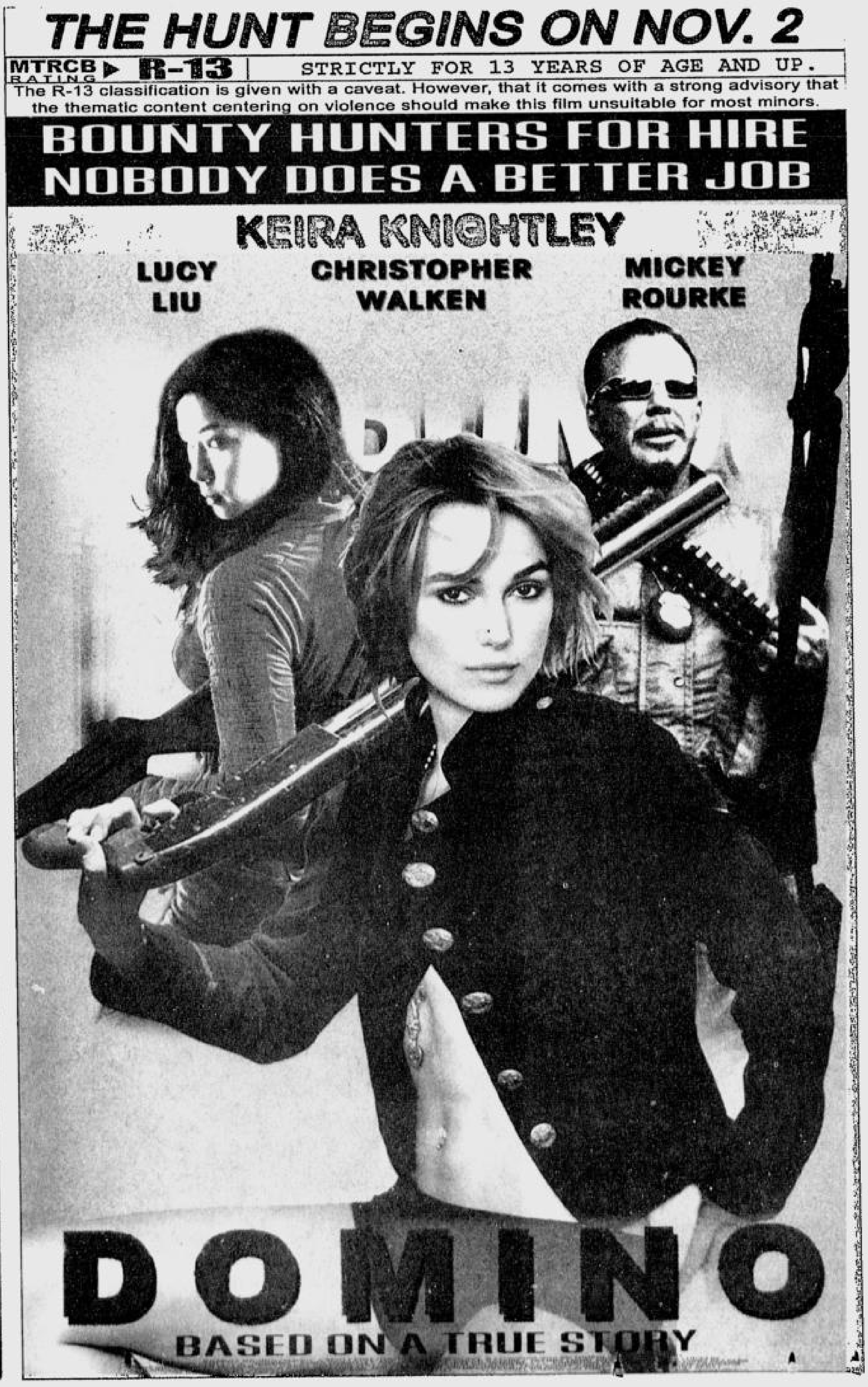
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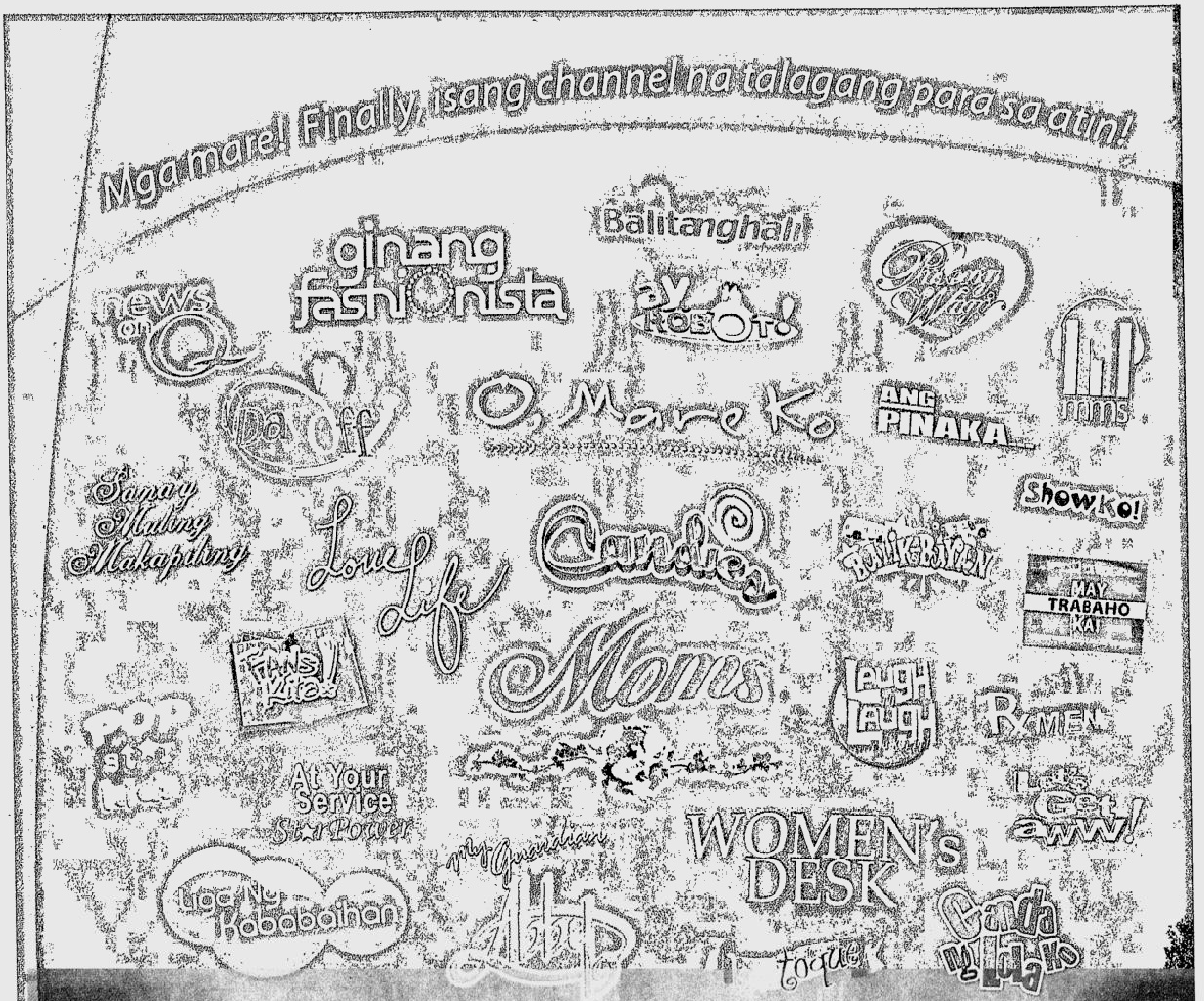
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# 'Direk' Elwood, comeback kid

**By Bayani San Diego Jr.**

The filmmaker returns to his roots with a play about people he knows best—show biz denizens

IN THE THE 1980S, HE was considered as Lily Monteverde's favorite director, after churning out a series of hits like "Summer Love," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Till We Meet Again" and "I Can't Stop Loving You" for Regal Films.

He was also touted as one of the most sought after and highest paid directors.

Elwood shies away from such chatter and prefers to reminisce about his humble beginnings in the late 1960s.

He recalls: "I used to write for a society, arts and culture show called 'The Pleasure of Your Company.' I covered exhibits and project launches. I attended the opening of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the grand balls thrown by Imelda Marcos."

He loved hobnobbing with the rich and famous. "But my talent fee for that show was only P15!"

For P75, he also worked as "writer, assistant director and talent coordinator" for the musical show "Norma, Norma," starring Norma Ledesma and directed by Lupita Aquino-Kashiwara.

A protégé of Lupita's, he soon became a regular scriptwriter, and later director, for the TV drama anthology "Balintataw."

"My first teleplay for 'Balintataw' was bought for P150,' he proudly recounts. "They called me the *enfant terrible* of 'Balintataw' because I was the youngest writer-director and I tackled stories that were risqué, like teenaged motorcycle gangs and closet homosexuality.

"Balintataw" proved to be his springboard to filmmaking.

In the episode on closet homosexuality, he worked with Fred Cortes Jr., son of screen legends Anita Linda and Fred Cortes.

It was Fred Jr. who recommended Elwood as writer-director for "Blue Boy" under Joy Productions in 1970. "That's why I have a soft spot for Anita Linda ... I always get her to act in my movies," Elwood says.

He collaborated with another icon, Rita Gomez, in "Blue Boy" and later with Rosa Mia in "Pinay, American Style" in 1979.

## Good breaks

His career has been a string of good breaks from people whom he says he will be forever grateful to: "Like Behn Cervantes. Once we were on location in Baguio and Behn extended to us the same accommodations given to him. At that time, he was already a big name in theater and I was just a fledgling writer."

Elwood and Behn will be reunited in the stage play "Private Parts," Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Music Museum.

Elwood will direct and Behn will play the director in a play populated with characters that the former knows best—show biz denizens.

"With this play, I'm coming full circle," Elwood says. "I started in campus theater. I was hurt when a friend asked me, 'Why are you giving your all to this playlet?'"

The reason is that Elwood was "touched and inspired by the work ethic" of his actors, led by Behn, Allen Dizon, Ynez Veneracion, Maui Taylor, Vangie Labalan and Wilma Doesnt, among others.

"They're committed to their craft," Elwood says of his cast. "The younger ones are learning a lot about improvisation and comic timing from their interactions with Behn and Vangie."

"Private Parts" will also serve as dress rehearsal for Allen, who is soon starring in Elwood's big-screen comeback, "Security."

"I directed some of our best dramatic actors like Christopher de Leon and Gabby Concepcion when they were younger," he says. "Now I hope to help Allen make the big leap from bold to drama movies."

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# Putting RP on the BPO map

**By Tina Arceo-Dumlao**

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He put on a remarkable performance as SPI Technologies, the company he has been heading since 1998, has become synonymous with quality Philippine labor in the overseas markets.

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Better proof is that SPI Technologies has moved away from the simplest BPO jobs, such as converting data into digital format, to the more high-value, precision work such as publishing, medical transcription, retail financial services and insurance forms processing.

## FIRST JOB

BPO refers to the system adopted by large companies, mostly in the United States and Europe, of contracting out non-core operations to other countries.

These include customer service, accounting and payroll services.

Today, SPI Technologies is one of the world's largest independent content outsourcing services firms, with 6,500 employees working in 25 offices across nine countries, 4,000 of which are in the Philippines.

## Cache of skills

Cu tells SundayBiz that the experiences he gained from all his previous jobs added to the cache of skills that he digs into as he navigates the company through turbulent changes in the highly competitive BPO industry.

At the Bank of America, where he worked after earning his MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, he was introduced to the outsourcing industry as the bank at the time was processing the payroll of outside clients.

Cu moved after a few years to Denny's, a popular restaurant chain in the United States, as project manager of its information technology systems.

Then he put up his own desktop services company and gave entrepreneurship a try.

Cu was able to build the company up to four branches from Los Angeles to Vancouver, Canada. But he sold his interest when the California economy suffered a setback in the early '90s.

He then found himself back in the corporate world, joining a Japanese firm that did manuals, outsourcing and inventory control.

Cu stuck it out with the company for a while and he took on a variety of positions, eventually becoming its chief financial officer.

He was in that position when he decided to come back to the Philippines in 1997 to join SPI Technologies.

"I believe I was prepped for what I was going to do," Cu says in an interview.

He says he feels fortunate for his experience as an entrepreneur since despite the size of the company today, SPI still needs to be nimble enough to jump at opportunities that go as quickly as they come.

## New thinking

That takes the thinking of an entrepreneur just starting a business whose survival rests on his ability to take risks and quickly grab opportunities.

"That entrepreneurial spirit must be there, especially in a nascent business where changes come fast," Cu says, "If you are too bureaucratic, you will not survive."

That sprit enabled the company, for instance, to see the potential of the call center industry.

SPI put up eTelecare in 1999 with the first customer service call answered in September 2000, and the successful operations got the attention of American companies looking to cut labor costs by outsourcing non-core operations.

SPI has since spun off the call center business to concentrate on the data side and the company has hit the mother lode in the outsourcing business.

"We always start at the bottom, learn the basic work and then work our way up," he says.

From just typing manuscripts, SPI has moved on to copy editing and even reviewing some of the documents sent to the company.

SPI today is the leading provider of editorial and content production services to the scholarly, scientific, technical and medical journal and book publishing industry.

SPI went up the value chain in its other markets, such as legal, financial, retail and medical transcription businesses.

Cu says SPI evolved into a more high-value BPO company because of the competence of its workforce, especially in the Philippines where the bulk of its work is done.

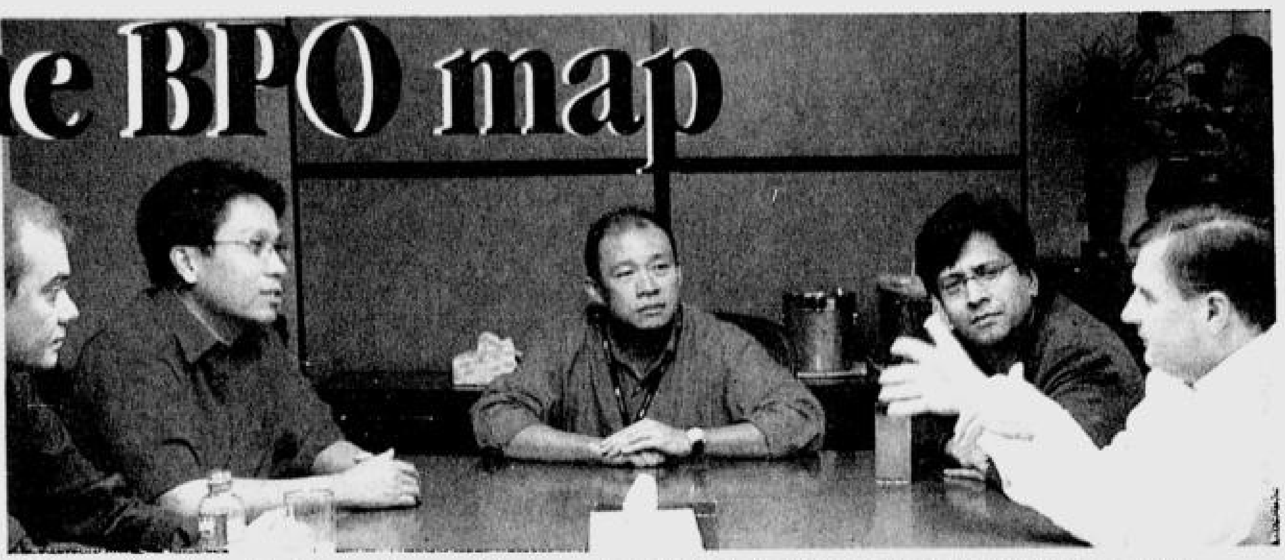
He also expresses confidence that the Philippines will hold its own and fend off competition from other BPO destinations such as India, Ireland, Malaysia and Thailand because the culture of service is very much ingrained among Filipinos, especially among employees of SPI Technologies.

"We have a culture where people work beyond the paycheck," Cu says, "we have a certain passion for the work. We like it for what it is and we look at SPI as not just a place to earn a wage."

He says this set of skills and values should be nurtured among Filipinos. Cu says more job opportunities should flow the way of the Philippines as the country cements its position in the market.

"BPO is the logical business for the Philippines. It is here where we have the best chance of success," he says.

And if the Philippines takes this path, Cu will surely be there every step of the way.



CU (center) with Sen. Mar Roxas, Ramanan Raghavendran, SPI's chair of the board, and Derk Haank, CEO of Springer Science + Business Media, during the senator's visit to SPI's Parañaque facility.

ERNEST Cu with Jim Brown, president & COO of SPI Litigation Direct, during the company's formal inauguration of its Austin facility.

Celebrating his 50th Wedding Anniversary was just icing on the cake.

Dahil sa alaga ni Doktor at sa mga gamot na binuhusan ng research, he can live longer and more fruitfully, despite his heart disease.

For Lolo Andy, discovering he had heart disease when he was 60 made him fearful for his and his wife's future. The uncertainty darkened their blissful life. Pero salamat sa Maykapal, sa alaga ni Doktor at ng mga gamot na binuhusan ng research, Lolo Andy today lives happily and fruitfully despite his heart disease. Sulit talaga ang gamot n'ya — gamot na gawa ng Pfizer! Pfizer not only saved his heart, it also helped him and his wife reach 50 years of a love-filled life together. Definitely a milestone worth living for! Sabi nga ni Lolo Andy, dahil mahalaga ang buhay, ang gamot dapat sulit.

Dapat Sulit.

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# Charito's Delights:

## Mother's legacy to her daughter

EMMA Bermejo could not stand the thought of unscrupulous people producing inferior products and passing these off as her late mother's, so she continued producing her mother's recipes. VICENTE LABRO/PDI VISAYAS BUREAU

**By Vicente S. Labro**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

CATBALOGAN, SAMAR—TRADITIONALLY served only during fiestas and special occasions, native delicacies are now sold all year-round in "pasalubong" stores or even at shopping malls.

But behind these delicacies that survived the passing of time are people who strived to preserve and pass on to the next generation their traditional cooking and baking.

One of these people was Charito Q. Bermejo who was known for her cakes and pastries not only in Samar but in other places as well. Her mouth-watering pastillas de ube, mazapan de pili, hopia de pili, cocadas, roscas, corioso and torta, among other traditional fares in Samar, are still available even if she passed away some 16 years ago.

Charito learned the basics of baking from her mother and aunts. Years later, when her own family moved to Catbalogan after her husband retired from military service in the '60s, Charito used her talent in baking cakes and pastries to help augment the family income. Though her husband had a teaching job in his hometown of Villareal, Samar, where he also tilled a small farm, the family income was not enough to support the nine Bermejo children who were studying in Catbalogan.

To help augment her husband's income, Charito started accepting orders from neighbors, relatives and friends. Soon, her cakes and pastries were in demand that she turned it into a cottage industry. Her income helped send all their nine children through college.

Before she died in 1989, Charito was able to pass on her culinary skills to at least one daughter. That daughter had to carry on the tradition, but started from scratch when she took over her mother's bakeshop business.

### From mother to daughter

Emma Bermejo, the eighth of Charito's nine children, recalls that she was her mother's constant companion since she was 10 years old until she graduated from high school and went to Manila to continue her studies.

Emma served as her mother's assistant in her baking. Since they did not have an oven at the start, she would accompany her mother to a bakery where they would have what they prepared baked.

"At the start, baking was just a hobby of my mother; she loves to bake and eat the goodies," Emma recalls.

A few years later, Charito bought a mini-oven and since then they did the baking in their house. "There was no display (of goods for sale) then; all our customers were walk-in clients," Emma says. "And we only bake when there were orders. These kinds of cakes and pastries were (then) not readily available even at the bakeries."

Emma says the orders were heavy during fiestas but customers also came to place orders for weddings, birthdays and parties. Balikbayans and others going on a trip would also drop by to buy "pasalubong."

Charito's home-baked cakes and pastries became popular through word of mouth, and her customers kept increasing.

Early in 1989, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) invited her to join the Kauswagan trade fair in Manila. Seeing this as an opportunity to promote her native delicacies, she accepted the invitation but sent Emma to the fair.

About a month later, Charito became ill and was hospitalized. She died in March 1989 after staying in the hospital for weeks. According to Emma, they spent all her mother's savings from her small business for the hospitalization. The family even incurred debts.

With Charito gone, they closed their small bakeshop and sent home all the workers.

### Turning point

"Actually I had no intention then of reopening the business my mother had started," Emma says. But an incident changed her mind: A priest visited their place one day and told them that the bishop, who recently received a gift of pastillas de ube, said it tasted different—that it seemed to have been adulterated with cassava or camote.

"We explained that we have not been making anything because mother had died, and the bakeshop has been closed for about two months," Emma says. She says she was pained that unscrupulous persons were destroying the good name of her mother.

To preserve the reputation of her mother, and upon the prodding of her siblings and many of their customers, Emma reluctantly reopened her mother's bakeshop.

"I was afraid then that people might not buy from us. Yes, my mother was well known but she was gone and I'm only her daughter," she says.

Emma borrowed P10,000 from an elder sister as starting capital and looked for suppliers of pili nuts, going as far as Northern Samar and Bicol by herself. She also recruited helpers and contacted their former suppliers of ube (violet yam).

To prevent others from passing their inferior products as that of Charito's, Emma properly labeled all their goods. She sought the assistance of DTI and the Design Center of the Philippines in coming up with good packaging and product design.

She first used Charito's Cakes and Pastries as their business name. Later on she changed this to Charito's Delight.

She also continued to attend fair trades and food exhibitions sponsored by the DTI and other groups, and there she noticed that many people admired and bought her cakes, pastries, sweets and cookies that were then already in attractive packages.

Aside from the cakes and pastries that her mother used to bake, Emma also introduced other products like ensaymada in their store. Her venture flourished and Emma decided to expand.

Their store in their residence at Ubanon district was far from the town's commercial center and bus and jeepney terminals so she looked for a place in a commercial part of Catbalogan.

But first she opened a branch store in Tacloban City in 1995. Then in 2000, she set up another branch in a small space on the ground floor of a building along the busy San Roque Street in Catbalogan town.

She also has a two-story building in Santo Niño district, also in Catbalogan, where almost all of her cakes and pastries are being produced.

Early this year, Emma expanded her store in San Roque Street. She sells not only cakes and pastries but also regular meals for her transient customers.

Using her culinary skills, Emma serves not only common fare like fried spare ribs or spicy "adobong pusit" but also the "tamalos," a traditional dish of Catbalogan that is made of pork and spicy peanut sauce that is wrapped in banana leaves and steamed for hours.

If she were still alive today, Charito would be delighted to see what Emma has been doing in the kitchen these past several years.

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# Training future workers of call centers

**By Frank Cimatu**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—THE TWO CLASSES, interestingly known as "Massachusetts" and "Washington," started playing the pattong or the Igorot gongs as some of them danced the tadek or the Abra courtship dance. They even had a fashion show of country western outfit.

But when it was time for them to talk, they spoke in American English, in an accent nearing what is known in the call center industry as the Holy Grail: the neutral accent.

"Massachusetts" and "Washington" comprise the first graduates of "Training cum Employment Scheme" or Traces, the first school specifically aimed at creating manpower for the sunrise call center industry.

Traces has the Baguio City government, Baguio Rep. Mauricio Domogan, Department of Labor and Employment, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and ClientLogic, the only call center facility in the city, subsidizing the education of the future call center agents.

Informatics Philippines won the bid to handle Traces, and the Baguio branch is the pilot site for the soon-to-be-nationwide program.

The Cordillera Information and Communication Technology Connection (Citcon) acts as the course evaluator.

The successful applicants are required to pay P1,000 for the program which typically costs P20,000. The government subsidizes part of it while ClientLogic is expected to pay the program for every call center applicant it gets from the program.

Baguio Mayor Braulio Yaranon said that they were very willing to shell out money for the program and he considered this as part of the city's job generation project.

"Massachusetts" and "Washington" enrollees number 190 and Traces is aiming for 3,000 trainees in Cordillera in a year.

According to Cynthia Maslian, Traces program manager, the program is a "short-term intervention program for potential call center agents."

Most of the first graduates come from Abra, Kalinga and Mountain Province.

April Tuban, 27, of Tabuk, Kalinga, says she heard the announcement from a government station in her hometown.

A management graduate, Tuban was among the thousand who applied and among the first who made it.

The applicants' ages range from 18-45 years old. The minimum education requirement is two years college but most are college graduates.

The typical Traces program is eight hours a day for 26 days or a total of 206 hours. Tuban had to stay with a cousin throughout the training which started on Sept. 17 and ended on Oct. 21.

Maslian says most of their training involves communication and technical skills.

Tuban says the technical skills she learned included Internet protocol, programming and troubleshooting. She says they worked in shifts to simulate the American-time schedule of a typical Filipino call center.

"We have accent trainers who teach them conversational English. We don't need to teach them slang, we know more American slang here in the Cordillera than the typical American," Maslian says.

"Because of the many varied accents in the US, we are teaching them the neutral accent although there is no such thing," she adds.

As to why there were more graduates, at least in the first class, from the central Cordillera, Gids Omero of Citcon says this was due to the American influence in the region.

"We see more Cordillerans applying as call center agents because they already can speak and sometimes think as an American," Omero says.

Maslian, however, says the most crucial part of the training was to give the applicants the

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# *AskMeNow: Not just another call center*

WHEN MARK COHEN LEFT SAN FRANCISco in October 2004 with board approval in hand to set up a contact center in Manila, he knew the job would be tough. But for a businessman who has been in and out of that city the past 25 years, he also knew that he had a golden opportunity to tap the Filipino knowledge worker.

He told his younger brother Darryl, who had just assumed the chairmanship of the AskMeNow board, that setting up the business would not be so difficult: the Philippines was already home to a number of large call centers—many of them expanding. The players Convergys, People Support, ICT, Daksh and others were already well-established; Dell was coming in big time. A place that was good to businesses like these, Mark reasoned, will probably be a good place for AskMeNow.

The work of AskMeNow closely resembles what many call centers are doing: it involves the Internet and its load peaks in the graveyard shift. It taps techno savvy call center workers and relies on their having a good grasp of American English and American culture.

But Mark also knew that it did not end there. While he may be setting up a call center without phones, he knew that the people he needed must be exceptional: they not only had to be proficient in the use of the World Wide Web, they also had to have the knack for finding answers quickly and sending these out to clients in a form that was easy to read and digest. These people, the AskMeNow researchers, would not be giving out canned answers or reading scripted spiels. Such people could prove difficult to find. But that was to be expected. After all, AskMeNow is a new business concept. Even for the United States.

### What do you want to know

AskMeNow is a new service that will find answers to any question anywhere, at anytime. It is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ocean West Holding Corp., a Florida-based company publicly traded over the counter as OWHC at the Nasdaq.

Subscribers to the service simply send in their questions through cell phones or BlackBerry® handhelds and other PDA's, through a simple phone call or text message, and they promptly get an answer back on their mobile device within seconds or minutes. It's a service that enables Americans to better manage their time and effort. They can attend to other tasks while AskMeNow fetches the information, avoiding the tedium of Internet search engines on cell phones or the exasperation of waiting on hold for an operator.

While AskMeNow uses advanced technology to answer many of the questions such as telephone number lookups, stock quotes or weather forecasts, the company taps young Internet savvy Filipinos to answer questions that are simply beyond the capability of automated technology, questions like "Why is the sky blue?" "Where is the airport in Tulsa?" and "What French restaurant is closest to the corner of 6th and 49th streets in New York City?"

DON STERN, Daryl Cohen (seated) and Mark Cohen

### People power

Powered by today's fastest desktops and fat connections to North America, these researchers answer questions from all over the US from an operations center at the Telecoms Tower in Makati. Cohen says he is more confident these days as he can see many people here capable of doing the job of researching answers. "We are on a constant lookout for bright Internet-savvy people to work with us."

He is also confident that he will be able to fill the requirements of chief technology officer (CTO) Don Stern, who has been flying in and out of Manila spending a week or two at a time here putting together his team of software developers.

A 29-year Silicon Valley veteran, Stern has worked with some of the world's leading technology companies including Cisco Systems, Applied Process Technology, Novellus Systems, Grail Technology, and Touch Interactive. He holds over 30 patents in the US, including the patent for the Auto Play function used to automatically load CDs and DVDs inserted into computers, and has a number of pending patent applications.

Stern expects to develop a number of new and exciting applications for AskMeNow in Manila which he believes could put the Philippines back on the map alongside the technology heavyweights around the globe. "You could use more good news around here," Stern told new recruits at the AskMeNow facility, as he described the kind of technology work that could be done right here in the Philippines.

### Proudly answered in RP

AskMeNow currently employs more than 100 highly qualified representatives—called AnswerAgents—in Manila to help the company provide thousands of responses daily to customers in the US. The facility is scalable to 400 representatives with the ability to respond to more than 100,000 customer queries daily.

"The Philippines possesses tremendous talent, and we remain thrilled with the reception that we have received," says AskMeNow CEO Darryl Cohen. "We encourage more countries to utilize the Philippines for high-level back-office applications."

At the inauguration of the facility at the Telecoms Tower, Cohen told Trade Secretary Peter Favila: "I have been thoroughly impressed with the level of talent and incredible work ethic I've observed amongst our newly appointed AnswerAgents in Manila."

The company, which asks its clients "What do you want to know?" is positioning itself to take advantage of the competitive and evolving search engine arena with its wireless solution. With search giants Google and Yahoo! moving in new and surprising

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# Business clinic on financial analysis for SMEs

ENTREPINOY VOLUNTEERS FOUNDATION Inc. (EVFI), a foundation created by businessmen, business executives and civic leaders for the benefit of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), will hold a free Business Clinic on "Financial Analysis for SMEs" on Nov. 25, 2005 at the 7th Floor Lounge of Citystate Center Bldg., 709 Shaw Blvd., Pasig City. The clinic will be conducted by Federico K. Maramba.

For inquiries, please contact Entrepinoy Volunteers Foundation Inc. at 636-5331 to 32 or Fax No. 636-5331 or e-mail at info@entrepinoy.org. No fees will be charged. Participants will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

# UK software firm appoints RP partners

UK-BASED FIRM ABILITY SOFTWARE International has signed exclusive distribution agreement with local software distributor e-Methods for Business Management Inc. (e-MBM) for its integrated office software suite called Ability Office.

Ability Software is the utility software division of Formjet plc holding exclusive worldwide selling rights for the Ability Office range, an integrated suite of productivity applications that will locally cost 85 percent lower than the industry's leading office suite.

e-MBM's appointment as exclusive country partner for Ability Office makes the Philippines the first and only Asian country granted retail sales distribution rights by Formjet plc on a rolling one-year agreement.

"We're delighted to have recruited a high-quality distributor in the Philippines that has a reputable track record in software distribution," said Ability Software's managing director Chris England.

# AskMeNow …

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directions with their focus on specialty search engine formats, the search sector is expanding as it continues to redefine itself.

AskMeNow is able to provide answers to questions covering areas such as current news and events, sports facts and trivia, history, weather, entertainment, stock quotes, market data, driving directions, flight status and schedules, emergency disaster information, comparison shopping, restaurant information, directory assistance, random trivia, and so on.

The company launches commercial operations in the US this November as it gears to be the first mobile lifestyle network in the market. The idea is to maximize the value of mobility for Americans with on-the-go information proudly researched in the Philippines.

In a world where knowledge is power and information is key, AskMeNow promises to be one of the most essential services to have and one of the most exciting places to work.

# Training future …

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confidence to speak English.

Informatics Baguio had to recruit director and thespian Behn Cervantes for the confidence-building exercises.

Tuban says they were encouraged to speak to each other in English within the campus to familiarize themselves with the language.

She says she would wait for a month after graduation for her call from ClientLogic. The US-based call center, which is the first to move out of Manila with the establishment of their center at the Baguio Economic Zone last year, has the right of first refusal for the Traces graduates.

Maslian says they are getting calls from other call centers in Manila asking for their graduates.

According to the US-based research firm Datamonitor, there would be as much as 22,000 additional call center agent positions through 2009.

Other sources even say that the Philippines will surpass India by 2008 as home to the world's largest call center industry.

The XMG Inc., a Manila-based research and advisory firm, says the industry would generate $3 billion in revenues by 2008.

**EAR RINGS.** American tutor Sean Kovich supervises over 25 trainees of Infortech, a Baguio-based school which had won the contract to train future workers of call center firms like Client Logic VINCENT CABREZA

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Lot 3-B Ascomo, Pulungmasle
Minimum Bid Price : 201,000.00

LOT 17 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 250 sqm.
Lot 4-B, #214, Purok 4, Brgy. Ascomo, Pulungmasle
Minimum Bid Price 80,000.00

LOT 18 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 154 sqm.
Lot 14 Brgy Rd., San Antonio
Minimum Bid Price : 40,000.00

LOT 19 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 300 sqm.
Lot 1-D San Matias
Minimum Bid Price : 174,000.00

LOT 20 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 241 sqm.
Lot 2-I Rd Lot, Carville Subd., Brgy. Sto Niño & Sto Cristo
Minimum Bid Price 45,000.00

LOT 21 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 731 sqm.
Lot 5-F Cervantes Subd., Sto Niño
Minimum Bid Price : 187,000.00

LOT 22 - VACANT LOT
WITHDRAWN

LOT 23 - VACANT LOT
WITHDRAWN

LOT 24 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,033 sqm.
Lot 5-P Cervantes Subd. Sto Niño
Minimum Bid Price 264,000.00

LUBAO

LOT 25 - VACANT LOT
L.A.. 1,392 sqm.
Lot 2-C & 2-E San Roque Arbol
Minimum Bid Price . 53,000.00

LOT 26 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,069 sqm.
Lot 1-I-1 Rd. Lot 1-J San Roque Dau 1St
Minimum Bid Price : 319,000.00

LOT 27 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,069 sqm.
Lot 1-I-2 Rd. Lot 1-J San Roque Dau 1St
Minimum Bid Price : 310,000.00

LOT 28 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,069 sqm.
Lot 1-I-3 Rd Lot 1-J San Roque Dau 1St
Minimum Bid Price : 319,000.00

LOT 29 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,069 sqm.
Lot 1-H-3, Rd. Lot 1-J, San Roque Dau 1St
Minimum Bid Price : 319,000.00

LOT 30 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,069 sqm.
Lot 1-H-2, Rd Lot 1-J, San Roque Dau 1St
Minimum Bid Price : 319,000.00

LOT 31 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,069 sqm.
Lot 1-H-1 Rd. Lot 1-J, San Roque Dau 1St
Minimum Bid Price : 319,000.00

LOT 32 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,069 sqm.
Lot 1-I-4 Prov'L Rd., San Roque Dau 1St
Minimum Bid Price : 446,000.00

LOT 33 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,875 sqm. F.A.: 413 sqm.
Lot 5700 & 5701 Brgy. Rd., Brgy Sta Lucia
Minimum Bid Price : 1,573,000.00

LOT 34 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 7,000 sqm.
Lot C-1 Brgy Sta Lucia & San Juan
Minimum Bid Price 16,000.00

MABALACAT

LOT 35 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 375 sqm.
Lot 32 Blk 36 Rizal St Dolores
Minimum Bid Price 90,000.00

MACABEBE

LOT 36 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 209 sqm. F.A. 154 sqm.
Lot 927 Nat'l. Rd., Caduang Tete
Minimum Bid Price : 422,000.00

LOT 37 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 538 sqm.
Lot 2593-T Access Rd., San Roque
Minimum Bid Price 69,000.00

MAGALANG

LOT 38 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 350 sqm. F.A. 72 sqm.
Lot 2, 8166 Purok 1, Brgy San Jose
Minimum Bid Price : 196,000.00

LOT 39 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,785 sqm.
Lot 9-A Balitucan Rd San Miguel
Minimum Bid Price : 1,040,000.00

LOT 40 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,177 sqm.
Lot 9-B Balitucan Rd San Miguel
Minimum Bid Price : 813,000.00

LOT 41 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,171 sqm.
Lot 9-C Balitucan Rd. San Miguel
Minimum Bid Price : 811,000.00

LOT 42 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,164 sqm.
Lot 9-D Balitucan Rd San Miguel
Minimum Bid Price 808,000.00

LOT 43 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,254 sqm.
Lot 9-E Balitucan Rd San Miguel
Minimum Bid Price : 842,000.00

LOT 44 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,172 sqm.
Lot 9-F Balitucan Rd. San Miguel
Minimum Bid Price : 811,000.00

LOT 45 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,190 sqm.
Lot 9-G Balitucan Rd. San Miguel
Minimum Bid Price : 818,000.00

LOT 46 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 12,059 sqm. F.A. 1,488 sqm.
Lot 2 Brgy Rd., San Pablo
Minimum Bid Price : 2,247,000.00

LOT 47 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 220 sqm.
Lot 1, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 64,000.00

LOT 48 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 331 sqm.
Lot 2, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 93,000.00

LOT 49 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 68,000.00

LOT 50 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 4 Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 68,000.00

LOT 51 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 68,000.00

LOT 52 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 6, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 68,000.00

LOT 53 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 7, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 68,000.00

LOT 54 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 8, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 68,000.00

LOT 55 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 9, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 68,000.00

LOT 56 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 10, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 20,000.00

LOT 57 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 11, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 24,000.00

LOT 58 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 12, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 24,000.00

LOT 59 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 433 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 1 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 260,000.00

LOT 60 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 368 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 1 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 221,000.00

LOT 61 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 303 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 1 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 182,000.00

LOT 62 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 368 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 2 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 221,000.00

LOT 63 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 249 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 2 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 150,000.00

LOT 64 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 253 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 2 Pob San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 152,000.00

LOT 65 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 257 sqm.
Lot 4 Blk 2 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 155,000.00

LOT 66 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 261 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 2 Pob San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 157,000.00

LOT 67 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 265 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 2 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 159,000.00

LOT 68 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 270 sqm.
Lot 7 Blk 2 Pob. San Pedro Magalang
Minimum Bid Price : 162,000.00

LOT 69 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 295 sqm.
Lot 8 Blk 2 Pob San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 177,000.00

LOT 70 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 181 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 9 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 100,000.00

LOT 71 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 148 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 9 Pob San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 90,000.00

LOT 72 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 218 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 9 Pob San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 131,000.00

LOT 73 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 289 sqm.
Lot 4 Blk 9 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 182,000.00

LOT 74 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 236 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 9 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 142,000.00

LOT 75 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 9 Pob. San Pedro Magalang
Minimum Bid Price : 144,000.00

LOT 76 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 155 sqm.
Lot 7 Blk 9 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 93,000.00

LOT 77 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 218 sqm.
Lot 8 Blk 9 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 131,000.00

LOT 78 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 149 sqm.
Lot 9 Blk 9 Pob. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 89,000.00

LOT 79 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 183 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk. 8 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 52,000.00

LOT 80 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 147 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 8 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 42,000.00

LOT 81 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 185 sqm.
Lot 4 Blk 8 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 52,000.00

LOT 82 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 148 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 8 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 42,000.00

LOT 83 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 183 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 8 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 52,000.00

LOT 84 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 304 sqm.
Lot 7 Blk 8 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 86,000.00

LOT 85 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 236 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 86 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 87 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 88 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 4 Blk. 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 89 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 90 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 260 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 21,000.00

LOT 91 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 355 sqm.
Lot 7 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 27,000.00

LOT 92 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 206 sqm.
Lot 8 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 16,000.00

LOT 93 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 338 sqm.
Lot 9 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 26,000.00

LOT 94 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 10 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 95 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 11 Blk. 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 96 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 12 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 97 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 236 sqm.
Lot 13 Blk 5 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 98 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 363 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 28,000.00

LOT 99 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 100 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 101 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 4 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 102 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 18,000.00

LOT 103 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 104 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 7 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 105 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 8 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 106 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 9 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 107 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 10 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 108 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 329 sqm.
Lot 11 Blk 6 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 25,000.00

LOT 109 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 279 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk. 7 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 21,000.00

LOT 110 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 238 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 7 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 111 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 244 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk. 7 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 19,000.00

LOT 112 - W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 242 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 8 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 72,000.00

LOT 113 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 13, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 114 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 14, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 115 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 15, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 19,000.00

LOT 116 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 281 sqm.
Lot 16, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 22,000.00

LOT 117 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 197 sqm.
Lot 17, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 15,000.00

LOT 118 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 290 sqm.
Lot 18, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 22,000.00

LOT 119 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 19, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 120 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 20, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 121 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 21, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 122 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 22, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 123 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 23, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 124 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 24, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 125 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 25, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 126 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 26, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 127 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 27, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 128 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 28, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 129 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 29, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 130 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 240 sqm.
Lot 30, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 18,000.00

LOT 131 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 306 sqm.
Lot 31, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 23,000.00

LOT 132 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 207 sqm.
Lot 32, Blk 4 San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 16,000.00

MASANTOL

LOT 133 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 194 sqm.
Lot 735-B-13-1-5-8 Brgy Bebe-Anac
Minimum Bid Price 81,000.00

MEXICO

LOT 134 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 270 sqm.
Lot 1, Blk 9 Subd Rd., San Antonio
Minimum Bid Price : 152,000.00

LOT 135 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 270 sqm.
Lot 3, Blk 9 Subd Rd., San Antonio
Minimum Bid Price 152,000.00

MINALIN

LOT 136 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 410 sqm. F.A 95 sqm.
Lot 10 No. 56 Capt. Feliciano St., Lourdes
Minimum Bid Price : 203,000.00

LOT 137 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 345 sqm. F.A. 251 sqm.
Lot No. 16 Caloocan St., Brgy Lourdes
Minimum Bid Price : 175,000.00

LOT 138 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 513 sqm. F.A. 115 sqm.
Lot 295 Benito St., Lourdes
Minimum Bid Price : 410,000.00

LOT 139 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 368 sqm.
Lot 1143 Brgy. Rd., Brgy. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 88,000.00

LOT 140 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 238 sqm.
Lot 25 Blk 17 Rd. Lot, Brgy Sta. Rita
Minimum Bid Price 51,000.00

PORAC

LOT 141 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,466 sqm.
Lot 1115-B Brgy Mancatian
Minimum Bid Price 5,000.00

LOT 142 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,400 sqm.
Lot 6. Blk 4 Brgy Manibaug-Pasig
Minimum Bid Price 64,000.00

LOT 143 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300 sqm. F.A. 100 sqm.
Lot 489-B-2-C-3 # 218 Purok 5 Brgy Palat
Minimum Bid Price 256,000.00

LOT 144 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,605 sqm.
Lot 1037 & Lot 1038-1 Gen. Luna St., Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price : 1,313,000.00

LOT 145 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,013 sqm.
Lot 497-D-10 Brgy Sapang Bulaon
Minimum Bid Price 130,000.00

SAN FERNANDO

LOT 146 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 431 sqm.
Lot 4177-A-9-E Purok 3, Brgy. Dela Paz Norte
Minimum Bid Price : 81,000.00

LOT 147 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.. 341 sqm. F.A 80 sqm.
Lot 4160-A Brgy Saguin
Minimum Bid Price : 70,000.00

LOT 148 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,675 sqm.
Lot 9-E Corazon St., Brgy. San Agustin
Minimum Bid Price 566,884.00

LOT 149 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 496 sqm.
Lot 3-A-9 San Agustin
Minimum Bid Price : 338,000.00

LOT 150 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 200 sqm.
Lot 10, Blk 17 Bel-Air And Sta Monica Subds., San Felipe & San Nicolas
Minimum Bid Price : 57,000.00

LOT 151 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 200 sqm.
Lot 11 Blk 17 Bel-Air And Sta. Monica Subds., San Felipe & San Nicolas
Minimum Bid Price : 57,000.00

LOT 152 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 375 sqm.
Lot28, Blk 1 Rd Lot 2, San Jose Village, Brgy San Jose
Minimum Bid Price 64,000.00

LOT 153 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 191 sqm. F.A. 252 sqm.
Lot 29-B, #531 Purok 1, San Jose Panduan
Minimum Bid Price 697,000.00

LOT 154 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300 sqm. F.A.: 110 sqm.
Lot 21, Blk 4 Gonzales St., Olivas Subd., San Nicolas
Minimum Bid Price : 266,084.40

LOT 155 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 351 sqm.
Lot 20, Blk 10 Rd Lot 7, Olivas Subd., San Nicolas
Minimum Bid Price 100,000.00

LOT 156 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 363 sqm.
Lot 8, Blk 5 Brgy. Rd., Purok 10. Sta Lucia
Minimum Bid Price : 100,000.00

LOT 157 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 379 sqm.
Lot 15, Blk 6 Rd. Lot 2, Aurea Subd., Sta. Lucia
Minimum Bid Price 97,000.00

SAN LUIS

LOT 158 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 2,395 sqm, F.A. 95 sqm.
Lot 2318-C Brgy Rd., # 326 San Juan
Minimum Bid Price : 143,000.00

LOT 159 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 20,446 sqm.
Lot 2213-F San Juan
Minimum Bid Price 384,000.00

LOT 160 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 232 sqm, F.A.: 123 sqm.
Lot 5-A-4 Brgy. Rd., # 2591 San Roque
Minimum Bid Price : 65,000.00

LOT 161 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 506 sqm.
Lot 22 Brgy. Rd., Brgy. San Roque
Minimum Bid Price 41,000.00

SAN SIMON

LOT 162 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 78 sqm.
Lot 14, Blk 1 Rd. Lot 1, Brgy Concepcion
Minimum Bid Price 50,000.00

LOT 163 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 654 sqm.
Lot 3310 Concepcion
Minimum Bid Price 151,000.00

LOT 164 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 893 sqm.
Lot 2 Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price 416,000.00

LOT 165 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 273 sqm.
Lot 4 Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price 59,000.00

LOT 166 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 773 sqm. F.A. 140 sqm.
Lot No. 1523 Municipal Rd. Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price 484,000.00

LOT 167 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 566 sqm. F.A. 70 sqm.
Lot 1347 Prov'l. Rd. San Jose
Minimum Bid Price 200,000.00

STA. ANA

LOT 168 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 263 sqm, F.A. 170 sqm.
Lot 17 & 19, Blk 2 Rd. Lot, Alvallo Heights, San Juan
Minimum Bid Price 1,002,000.00

STO. TOMAS

LOT 169 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 271 sqm. F.A 96 sqm.
Lot 15 Interior, Balangcas
Minimum Bid Price 139,000.00

LOT 170 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300 sqm.
Lot 14 Blk 23 Subd Rd., Balangcas
Minimum Bid Price 64,000.00

LOT 171 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 400 sqm.
Lot 6, Blk 4 Brgy. Rd., Moraz Dela Paz
Minimum Bid Price : 272,000.00

LOT 172 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 707 sqm.
Lot 1752-B-1 Bo Dalaquitan, San Matias
Minimum Bid Price : 453,000.00

LOT 173 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 394 sqm. F.A. 144 sqm.
Lot 17 & 19, Blk 3 Subd. Rd., Countrysquare Subd., San Matias
Minimum Bid Price 508,000.00

LOT 174 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 12,165 sqm. F.A.: 913 sqm.
Lot 1, 2 & 1784-C-2-A Prov'L Rd., Brgy San Matias
Minimum Bid Price 3,284,000.00

LOT 175 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 283 sqm. F.A. 72 sqm.
Lot 14, Blk 8 Rd Lot 1, Paraiso Subd., San Matias
Minimum Bid Price 259,563.64

LOT 176 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 600 sqm. F.A 557 sqm
Lots 28 & 29. Blk 1 Rd Lot 1, Paraiso Subd., San Matias
Minimum Bid Price : 257,000.00

LOT 177 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300 sqm. F.A 164 sqm.
Lot 36. Blk 1 Subd Rd., Paraiso Subd., San Matias
Minimum Bid Price 425,000.00

LOT 178 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 256 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
Lot 1, Brgy Rd., Twoño Subd., San Matias
Minimum Bid Price 503,751.39

LOT 179 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 440 sqm.
Lot 4, Blk 23 Subd Rd., Balangcas, San Matias
Minimum Bid Price : 113,000.00

LOT 180 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 192 sqm.
Lot 14, Blk 3 Subd. Rd., Coury Square Subd., San Matias
Minimum Bid Price 50,000.00

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## PHD to complete expansion

OMNICOM GROUP HAS BEGUN A MAjor global expansion of its PHD media agency network across Asia Pacific, continental Europe, the Middle East and Africa. PHD has long been a leading agency in the UK and North America that is widely known for its pioneering and innovative work for clients.

PHD's market rollout will begin in fourth quarter 2005 with most markets in Asia Pacific and Europe to be completed by early 2006. In conjunction with the rollout of PHD, Omnicom is expanding the management structure for its global media services division, Omnicom Media Group, which in addition to PHD includes OMD, a leading global media agency, as well as a number of specialty companies. This group approach will be reapplied regionally and locally across Europe and Asia Pacific to facilitate the rollout of PHD, and to establish geographic accountability for Omnicom Media Group resources.

With this rollout, PHD clients will immediately have access to a powerful global network of country offices. All new PHD country locations will be established from the depth and breadth of existing local Omnicom Media Group offices, fully leveraging the media resources and buying scale of Omnicom.

As part of a continuing plan to provide clients with leading international capabilities, Omnicom Media Group is making additional investments in central resources including research, digital media, emerging media, sponsorship and entertainment, as well as its media-negotiating arm, Opera, which leverages the combined scale of OMD and PHD. All capabilities are available through OMD and PHD international networks.

As a result of this announcement, the Omnicom Media Group management structure is as follows:

Global - Daryl Simm is chair and CEO of Omnicom Media Group. Mark Amabile, previously OMD Worldwide CFO, is now Omnicom Media Group CFO. An Omnicom Media Group global board has been established that includes, in addition to Simm and Amabile, Joe Uva, OMD Worldwide CEO, who adds the role of president, Omnicom Media Group; David Pattison, PHD Worldwide CEO; Colin Gottlieb, Omnicom Media Group Europe CEO; and Mike Cooper, Omnicom Media Group Asia Pacific CEO.

Europe - Colin Gottlieb has been appointed Omnicom Media Group Europe (OMGE) CEO, responsible for all Group media activities in Europe as well as in the Middle East and Africa. He was previously OMD Europe CEO. OMD Europe and PHD Europe will operate as separate media networks reporting to OMGE. OMD Europe will be headed by managing director Simon Francis. Francis was previously director of strategy, OMD Europe. PHD Europe will be headed by Managing Director Hilary Jeffrey, previously general manager, OMD Europe.

Asia Pacific - Mike Cooper has been appointed CEO of Omnicom Media Group Asia Pacific (Omgap), and is responsible for all media activities in Asia Pacific. He was previously OMD Asia Pacific CEO. OMD and PHD Asia Pacific will operate as separate networks under Omgap.

Country level - In markets where PHD is to be launched, an Omnicom Media Group country president will be appointed with responsibility for all group media activities. The country presidents will report to the respective regional Omnicom Media Group CEO.

### YES IT SPONSORS 4TH E-COMMERCE CONGRESS

This year's Congress theme 'Who Says the World is Round? Flattening the World Through Technology' is focused on helping Philippine SMEs to do business globally using IT/Internet as technology tools. YES IT Corp sponsored the congress held Oct. 25 to 26. The company specializes in payment solutions using credit card processing methods and help businesses grow. Shown during the contract signing are (seated, from left): Mary Anne Tolentino, president of PICS and Paul Hubbard MBE, CEO of YES IT Corp; (standing, from left): Mon Lizardo - EVP of PICS, Norelyn Babiera, VP for membership and treasurer of PICS, and Charles Yeomans - managing director of YES IT.

### GOLDILOCKS CONTINUES NATIONWIDE EXPANSION

Goldilocks continues its impressive growth by opening further outlets in Metro Manila and Luzon. These include stores in Robinson's Galleria in Edsa, Ortigas, Lemery Express in Batangas, the Pavilion Mall in Biñan, Laguna, and one in Quezon Avenue, Lucena City. In the past five years, the number of Goldilocks stores has increased by an impressive 17 percent. With majority of the branches being in Metro Manila, the 2004 Outstanding Filipino Franchise of the Year Awardee has decided to focus its franchising efforts to develop key areas outside the National Capital Region.

## *When great pizza can't wait, Greenwich delivers*

IF YOU'RE A GENUINE PIZZA LOVER, YOU know that it takes a certain amount of time to prepare it. Pizza preparation is a labor of love. So if you want your pizza delivered right here, right now, you anticipate up to one hour of waiting. But should you wait that long? Greenwich - the country's number one pizza chain - doesn't think so.

There's nothing more convenient than having your pizza delivered right at your doorstep. The difference is, Greenwich's Delivery Service Guarantee keeps it within the specified time - it's either you get your Greenwich pizza on time or earlier. In the very rare instance that your pizza gets to you later than what you were promised, then you get a free pizza.

For Metro Manila, just dial 819-4000 and the call center will synchronize the time when your order is placed and informs you of the exact number of minutes it will take for your order to arrive. For instance, the call center operator will say, "It's 3:05 p.m. now, Sir, your pizza will arrive at exactly 3:35 p.m."

So for your next delivery order, simply dial 819-4000 and see how fast it takes you to hold your craving for your favorite Greenwich products. While you're at it, try the All-New Greenwich Special. Check out its heftier meat toppings with more sprinkling of herbs. You can also add other Greenwich products like pasta, chicken, baked rice melt and rice meals to complete your order. If you don't get everything on time, expect your next Greenwich pizza order on the house.

## ProductFILES

### New Fresh Citrus Listerine

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LISTERINE INTRODUCES A NEW WAY TO KEEP your mouth delightfully clean - with a twist of orange. New Fresh Citrus Listerine Mouthwash provides a pleasant and flavorsome taste that is less intense while effectively flushing out germs you may have missed with brushing. Fresh Citrus Listerine Mouthwash is the latest addition to Listerine's superior line of oral healthcare products. Consistent with the other Listerine variants, Fresh Citrus Listerine also has 99.9 percent germ-killing power and is clinically-proven to prevent bad breath and gingivitis, reduce plaque, and fight the build up of bacteria to keep your mouth clean and healthy. New Fresh Citrus Listerine is now available in 250ml, 500ml, and 750ml at leading drugstores and supermarkets nationwide (The 80ml bottle will soon be available).

### Ciba Vision introduces Solocare Aqua

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CIBA VISION, THE WORLD'S LEADER IN CONtact lenses and contact lens care products introduces Solocare Aqua, a breakthrough in lens care solution that locks in moisture and prevents lens dehydration giving contact lens wearers comfortable, moist lenses all day long, even in the toughest environments. Solocare Aqua is a one-bottle solution formulated with innovative HydroLock effect that features Dexpanthenol (Pro-Vitamin B5) and Sorbitol. Dexpanthenol (Pro-Vitamin B5) acts as a moisturizer to reduce eye discomfort. Sorbitol, a natural ingredient found in fruit, reduces the effects of dryness as it holds the moisture in the lenses. Every bottle of Solocare Aqua also comes with a unique MicroBlock lens case, which is infused with anti-microbial properties (silver ions) that destroys many strains of bacteria on contact. This anti-bacterial lens case also resists growth of new microorganisms found in lens cases, skin or in water. Price is retailed at P270 with a limited time offer introductory price of P249. For every bottle of Solocare Aqua 360ml purchased, you get a chance to participate in a raffle to win the top prize of a 3D2N trip for two to Boracay. Look out for this great promotion of Solocare Aqua at leading optical outlets.

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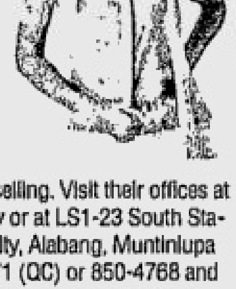
### Apple & Eve: Not your regular apple juice

APPLE & EVE 100% PURE NATURAL STYLE Apple Juice is made with fresh whole apples. Upon pressing the apples, they leave tiny, nutritious apple particles in the mix. This way you get all the pectin, potassium and other minerals found in whole apples. This makes the product healthier than regular apple juice and also gives extra tartness to its flavor. Available in leading supermarkets nationwide. For more information, please contact info@suncoastbrands.com.

### Seattle's Best's Java Jelly

JAZZ YOURSELF UP WITH THE ONSET OF THE "ber" season as Seattle's Best Coffee unveils its newest cold beverage concoction—Java Jelly, the jelly that gets you jivin'. Now there's more fun new ways to enjoy coffee as Seattle's Best's mixes its world-famous Java coffee concentrate extract with chewy coffee-flavored jelly, blended ice, and rich coffee ice cream. Seattle's Best then adds another layer of chewy coffee-flavored jelly, and finally tops it off with luscious and tempting whipped cream to give you that refreshing and jivin' experience. Seattle's Best Coffee now has 20 cafes to warm the soul and please the senses in key watering holes all over the metropolis, Baguio City and at the South Luzon Expressway.

### Maxene endorses D.E.I.



MAXENE MAGALONA HAS CHALKED HER OWN mark IN the local entertainment circuit, with several TV and film projects keeping her busy as ever. Modeling likewise keeps Maxene busy these days. In fact, she is the newest celebrity endorser of D.E.I. - a chic line of apparel available only via direct sales. Fond of casual wear, Maxene is the perfect image model for D.E.I. clothes. The clothes fit snugly on her bright personality. D.E.I. provides a wide selection of casual clothing for men, women, ladies and kids. The brand offers trendy and comfortable apparel that's not hard on one's budget. In fact, D.E.I. clothing is stylish and very affordable. The D.E.I. brand is available via direct selling. Visit their offices at 2L Hollywood Square Bldg., 33 West Ave., Quezon City or at LS1-23 South Station Bldg. 1, Alabang-Zapote Rd., Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City. You may also call tel. nos. 374-6667 and 374-6671 (QC) or 850-4768 and 850-0498 (Alabang). D.E.I. is open Mondays to Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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### BANCNET, EXPRESSNET AGREEMENT

Manila's premier deluxe hotel, Dusit Hotel Nikko has always been the venue of choice amongst executives and businessmen for their corporate activities or events. Recently, the hotel's Ciao Function Room was the venue for the signing of Bancnet and Expressnet's Memorandum of Agreement with regard to the interconnection of their Automated Teller Machines (ATM) service. In photo are (from left) Secretary of Finance Margarito 'Gary' Teves, Nestor Tan - Banco de Oro president, Aurelio Montinola - BPI president, Angelito Villanueva - Bancnet chair, Francisco Caparros - Bancnet president and Ricardo Chua - Bancnet vice chair.

## Celebrate Halloween at the SM Supermalls

'TIS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN BOO IS BOOtiful, fright is fun, creepy is cool, and spooky is spectacular. Time to join the Halloween fun at SM Supermalls.

Kids will have a great time selecting scary and outrageous costumes and pumpkin baskets at the SM Department Store. Or if they want to stand out in the trick or treat crowd, they can check out the Halloween hats at all Toy Kingdom stores. These magical hats transform kids into spellbinding sorceresses, wacky wizards, playful pumpkins, and animals with attitude.

Join in TK's Halloween Fun Party at The Podium on Oct. 30. Every P1,000 purchase at any of the mall's tenants will entitle kids to an afternoon of Halloween costume contests, games, and trick or treat fun.

Barbie's Masquerade Party at SM Makati, on the other hand, will show this well-loved doll's bewitching side. Every Barbie Magic of Pegasus purchase at SM Makati entitles one to join in the party at SM Makati on Oct. 31. Kids won't want to miss this mini Barbie fashion show, games for kids, costume contests, and trick or treat thrills.

There's even more Halloween Fun at the SM Supermalls from Oct. 15 to Nov. 2. Forget tricks, kids love treats, and they can join in the Halloween Trick or Treat fun at all SM Metro Manila malls on Oct. 30, and at all provincial malls from Oct. 20 to 31. Check out the schedule in the mall nearest you.

Kids can come in their funniest, scariest, and most original costumes and win exciting prizes in the Halloween Costume Contest on the same day at all Metro Manila supermalls. Don't forget to register - it's ongoing until Oct. 30, and keep the criteria in mind when selecting your costume (25 percent originality, 50 percent creativity, and 25 percent for showmanship). Winners in each mall will receive P3,000 worth of SM gift certificates and toys from Toy Kingdom and Toy World.

Other ways to get happy and haunted: the Spooktacular Halloween Costume Contest on Oct. 31 at all SM provincial malls; the Halloween Hat Contest at the Vizmin malls - SM City Cebu, SM City Iloilo, SM City Davao, and SM City Cagayan de Oro; and the Halloween Night After Dark Party at the SM City Pampanga Fiesta Strip, SM City Baguio Veranda, and at SM City Lucena.

### THE LEGACY NEARS COMPLETION

Montgomery Place's Legacy pocket development is nearing completion. Construction is proceeding as planned at the much-anticipated exclusive enclave. The well-received Ayala Land Premier (ALP) project, situated in the heart of Quezon City, is already over 50 percent sold. Unit owners are expected to prepare moving in by the end of the 2005, according to ALP Project Development Manager Giggio Jugo. The Legacy pocket development is a mix of spacious, single-detached units and quadruplexes that provide homeowners privacy, comfort and a sense of ownership. It is a grand, master-planned community that is ideal for growing families. It is also a secure neighborhood, as safety measures guarantee a peaceful and fortified living environment for its residents. The Legacy at Montgomery Place is located at E. Rodriguez, Sr., Avenue, Quezon City. It is conveniently situated near hospitals, schools, and commercial establishments. For further details on the available units and payment schemes, please call 728-7000, log on to www.ayalaland.com.ph, or email ayala-sales@ayalaland.com.ph. Model units are available for viewing on-site.

### FAT CHOI OPENS IN SM SAN LAZARO

Fat Choi, a Hong Kong-style fast food opens its new branch in SM San Lazaro Manila. Present during the ribbon cutting were (from left) Grefil Javier and Emil Javier, owners; Jojo Navera, mall manager; Cyril Javier, owner; Miss Amizola and Ruperto Tady, owners.

### Girl Power in Mindanao

THE COUNTRY'S LEADING FEMININE WASH continued its tour down south as it hits three major cities of Mindanao - Cagayan de Oro, Davao and General Santos. With the commitment of empowering women through proper feminine hygiene - the pH Care team along with its medical experts conducted free symposium and free medical consultation in 21 different areas of Mindanao. The pH Care medical experts team are composed of F POGS, Professional obstetrician and gynecologist, Dr. Abygail Lamayra for Cagayan De Oro, Dr. Arlene Ilagan and Dr. Fargas for Davao City and lastly Dr. Guimala and Dr. Chuvachuva for General Santos. The team visited seven different locations per provinces mainly composed of schools, barangays and industries. The female high school students really had fun during the visit, especially when the sing and dance contest ala VJ Iya was conducted. Students kept on cheering excitedly as their schoolmates perform on stage simultaneous with the MTV playing on the wide screen. The employees of the different local governments, factories and barangays benefited more with the free medical consultation conducted after the symposium. Not only that, the barangay residence were treated to an afternoon of fun and excitement as the pH Care Game was conducted taking the Pera o Bayong style. Cash prizes were given to all lucky winners. During the course of the activity, product samples were given to all the attendees. Special tokens were also distributed which include free samples of Myra 400IU, ph Care ball pens, notepads, cellphone and chains were given to all attendees.

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## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The DepED-Bids and Awards Committee (DepED-BAC) invites eligible bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following services:

| Package | Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) per Package | Pre-Bid Conference | Bid Submission deadline/ Opening of Bids | Price of Bidding Documents (non-refundable) | End user |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Package 1. Supply of Services for Comprehensive Maintenance and Support Services for IT Infrastructure of DepED Central Office | P5,400,000.00 | Nov. 10, 2005 10.00 a.m Venue: | Nov. 23, 2005 10:00 a.m.. Venue: | P4,000.00 | NETRC |
| Package 2 Supply and Delivery of Full E1 Internet Access Service | P1,200,000.00 | Bulwagan Ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City | Bulwagan Ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City | | |

Bids received that exceed the ABC per package shall be rejected.

The Bidding Documents shall be available at the BAC Secretariat, Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, starting **November 2, 2005** upon payment of the non-refundable fee indicated above.

Bidding shall be conducted in accordance with procedures under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act. Information is also available at http://www.deped.gov.ph or www.procurementservice.org or call DepED-PS at Telephone No. 636-65-43 or Fax No. 636-65-42.

DepED-BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, or declare failure of bidding at any time prior to contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected parties.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. CAMILO MIGUEL M. MONTESA**
Assistant Secretary and Chairperson, BAC

(PDI – Oct. 30 & Nov. 6, 2005)

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TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

October 17, 2005
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## Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Republic of the Philippines

### Supply, Delivery, Testing and Commissioning of One (1) Complete Relay Test Facility (RTF) at the System Operations Building, National Transmission Corporation, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
(BCMD 2005-15)

The scope of work shall include the supply, delivery, testing and commissioning of the complete Relay Test Facility (RTF) consist of waveform generator, waveforms amplifiers, digital-to-analogue converters, current and voltage amplifiers for real-time testing of equipment like relays, protection scheme or control system; recorders and data processing equipment for analysis. The RTF shall be accessible to workstations connected in a Local Area Network (LAN) with TCP/IP protocol.

1. The National Transmission Corporation (TransCo), through the Corporate Budget of 2005 intends to apply the sum of PHILIPPINE PESOS FORTY-EIGHT MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (PHP 48,310,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for Supply, Delivery, Testing and Commissioning of One (1) Complete Relay Test Facility (RTF). Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. TransCo now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the **Supply, Delivery, Testing and Commissioning of One (1) Complete Relay Test Facility (RTF) at the System Operations Building, Power Center, National Transmission Corporation, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.** The duration of the contract is One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents ITB
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from TransCo and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of **PHILIPPINE PESOS TEN THOUSAND (PHP 10,000.00)**. The method of payment will be on cash basis only. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. TransCo will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on **November 21, 2005, 1:30 P.M.** at W Dela Paz Conference Room, Power Training Center, National Transmission Corporation, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address on or before **December 5, 2005, 10:00 A.M.** All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security in the form and in the amount specified in Clause 22, Section III, Bid Data Sheet** of the Bidding documents or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted
8. Bid opening shall be on **December 5, 2005, 10:00 A.M.** at W Dela Paz Conference Room, Power Training Center, National Transmission Corporation, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the said address
9. The bidding is also open to foreign bidders with eligibility requirements described in Clause 3 above and in the Bidding Documents.
10. TransCo reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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VP-Luzon Operations & Maintenance
and Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI – October 21 & 30, 2005)

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Bids and Awards Committee

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO RE-BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs-Bids and Awards Committee (DFA-BAC) is inviting interested bidders to apply for eligibility and bid for the re-bidding of the Department's **HEALTH CARE SERVICE CONTRACT**.

Approved Budget for the Contract:

**Php 31,000,000.00** : Package A (coverage for regular and casual employees)
**Php 7,000,000.00** : Package B (coverage for contractual employees)

Interested bidders may acquire bid documents from **24 October 2005** to **10 November 2005,** at the BAC Secretariat, Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Bldg, 2330 Roxas Blvd. Pasay City, (tel. nos. 834-4066 and fax nos. 831-95-84), upon submission of **Letter of Intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (PhP1,000.00)** to the Cashier's Office, Office of Fiscal Management, 4th Floor, DFA Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Applications for eligibility and bid evaluation shall use the non-discretionary "PASS/FAIL" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

| ACTIVITY | SCHEDULE |
|---|---|
| Pre-bid Conference | 11 November 2005 |
| Last Day of Submission of Bid Requirements | 23 November 2005 |
| Opening of Eligiblity Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals | 23 November 2005 |

DFA-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons, and to waive any deficiencies and required formalities embodied therein. DFA-BAC assumes no obligations whatsoever to offset the expenses and/or losses the bidder may have incurred in the preparation of the bids. DFA-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, and/or not to award the contract, and makes no assurances that a contract shall be entered into as a result of the invitation.

(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN**
Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs
Chairman, DFA-BAC

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## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The DepED-Bids and Awards Committee (DepED-BAC) invites eligible bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for printing, packaging, delivery, storing, and retrieval of NAT 2006 and Reading Test materials below:

| Package | Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) per Package | Pre-Bid Conference | Bid Submission deadline/ Opening of Bids | Price of Bidding Documents (non-refundable) | End user |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Package 1. NAT Grade 6 & Yr. IV Printing of Test Booklets, Delivery of Test Booklets and Answer Sheets, and Retrieval of Test Booklets | P19,300,000.00 | Nov. 11, 2005 10:00 a.m. | Nov. 24, 2005 10:00 a.m. | P4,000.00 | NETRC |
| Package 2 NAT Years I and II: Printing of Test Booklets, Delivery of Test Booklets and Answer Sheets, and Retrieval of Test Booklets | P26,402,000.00 | Venue: Bulwagan Ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City | Venue: Bulwagan Ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City | | |
| Package 3 Reading Test in English and Filipino Grade 5: Printing of Test Booklets, Delivery of Test Booklets and Answer Sheets, and Retrieval of Test Booklets | P4,575,000.00 | | | | |
| Package 4 Printing of Non-Classified Materials for NAT Grade 6, Years I, II, and IV; and for Reading Test for Grades 3 and 5 | P2,700,000.00 | | | | |
| Total | P52,977,000.00 | | | | |

Bids received that exceed the ABC per package shall be rejected.

The Bidding Documents shall be available at the BAC Secretariat, Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, starting **November 3, 2005** upon payment of the non-refundable fee indicated above.

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Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder projects:

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| 1 | Name of Project/Brief Description | Supply and delivery of various projectors and projection screen per BSP specifications, as follows:<br>a. 10 units Multi Media Projector<br>b. 1 unit Projection Screen<br>c. 6 units Overhead Projector |
| | Approved Budget for the Contract | a. P1,500,000.00<br>b. 18,000.00<br>c. 720,000.00 |
| | Delivery Period | Within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order |
| 2 | Name of Project/Brief Description | Supply and delivery of 223 units Workstation/Desktop per BSP specifications and scope of work |
| | Approved Budget for the Contract | P14,495,000.00 |
| | Delivery Period | Within forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt of the approved contract |

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project/s within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project/s for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s). Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

| Activities | Schedule (Project No. 1) | Schedule (Project No. 2) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Issuance of Bid Documents | 31 October to 17 November 2005 up to 2:00 P.M. only | |
| 2. Pre-Bid Conference | 25 November 2005 at 4:00 Pm | 25 November 2005 at 3:00 P.M. |
| 3. Opening of Bids | 06 December 2005 at 2:00 PM | |
| 4. Bid Evaluation | These shall be in accordance with the prescribed periods allowed in the Implementing Rules & Regulations (IRR)-A of R.A. No. 9184 dated 10 January 2003 | |
| 5. Post-qualification | | |
| 6. Notice of Award | | |

Bid Documents will be available only to propective bidders upon payment of non-refundable amount of P500.00 or 0.05% of the total ABCs of item(s)/project(s) to be bid out, whichever is higher to the BSP Cashier.

The BSP assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, or declare the bidding a failure, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **JUAN DE ZUÑIGA, JR.**
Chairman

(PDI – Oct. 30, 2005)

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## INVITATION FOR ACCREDITATION

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All interested suppliers/service contractors may secure accreditation documents for a non-refundable fee of **One Hundred Pesos (P 100.00)** from the Purchasing Department, Duty Free Philippines New Fiestamall, Columbia Complex, Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City from November 07 – 11, 2005, (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Deadline for submission of duly accomplished accreditation documents shall be on or before 17 November 2005, (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) All applicants shall be notified of the result of the application.

Duty Free Philippines reserves the right to reject any or all application or any part thereof, waive any defects contained therein and accept an offer most advantageous to the government, without thereby incurring liability to the applicant/s.

Parañaque City, this 25th day of October 2005.

*(Sgd.) MA. LOURDES D. VELARDE*
Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee

Purchasing Department
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(PDI – Oct 30 & Nov 6, 2005)

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## Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

(RE-BID)

The DepED-Bids and Awards Committee (DepED-BAC) invites eligible bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid on the following item:

| Package/Description | Approved Budget for the Contract | Date/Time | | Price of Bidding Documents (non-refundable) | End-user |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Pre-bid Conference | Submission Deadline/ Opening of Bids | | |
| Supply and Delivery of 23 sets of Computer Package consisting of Desktop Computer (Branded), Application Software, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), and Colored Printer per set. | Php 2,300,000.00 | November 10, 2005 2:00 P.M. Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City | November 23, 2005 2:00 P.M. Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City | Php 1,000.00 | Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP)" |

The Bidding Documents shall be available at the Procurement Service, BAC Secretariat, Room 508, 5th Flr., Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, starting on November 3, 2005 upon payment of non-refundable fee indicated above.

The bidders shall submit their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical, and financial proposals in three separate sealed envelopes at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal I Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City. Late bid shall be rejected.

Bidding shall be conducted in accordance with procedures under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act. Information is also available at http://www.deped.gov.ph or www.procurementservice.org or call DepED-PS at Telephone No. 636-65-43 or Fax No. 636-65-42.

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(Sgd.) Atty. **MACUR MAROHOMBSAR**
BAC Vice Chairman

(PDI – Oct. 30 & Nov. 6, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court

## Invitation for Bids (IFB)

### JUDICIAL REFORM SUPPORT PROJECT
Loan No. 7191 PH
BAC-JRSP-02-ICB-WORKS

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in Development Business, issue no. 616 of 16 October 2003.
2. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of the Judicial Reform Support Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the Contract for the Construction/Renovation of the Lapu-lapu City Hall of Justice.
3. The Supreme Court of the Philippines now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Construction/Renovation of the Lapu-lapu City Hall of Justice. The delivery/construction period is from January 2006 to January 2007
4. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Dir. Nestor U. Venturillo, Head, Bids and Awards Committee for the Judicial Reform Support Project (BAC-JRSP) Secretariat, e-mail: nestor_venturillo@supremecourt.gov.ph and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m to 4:30 p.m.
6. To qualify for award of the Contract, bidders shall meet the following minimum qualifying criteria:
   - (a) an average annual financial amount of construction work over the period of five (5) years of at least the multiple of two (2);
   - (b) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) works of a nature and complexity equivalent to the Works over the period of five (5) years (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 70 percent complete);
   - (c) proposals for the timely acquisition (own, lease, hire, etc.) of the essential equipment;
   - (d) a Contract Manager with five years' experience in works of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Manager, and
   - (e) liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, of no less than Php45,000,000.00 compliance with the minimum qualifying criteria of ITB Sub-Clauses 5.5 (a) and (c): however, for a joint venture to qualify, each of its partners must meet at least 25 percent of minimum criteria of ITB Sub-Clauses 5.5 (a), (b) and (e) for an individual Bidder, and the partner in charge at least 40 percent of those minimum criteria. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in rejection of the joint venture's Bid. Subcontractors' experiences and resources shall be taken into account in determining the Bidder's compliance with the qualifying criteria.
7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php30,000.00 or in convertible currency. The method of payment will be in cash or cashier's check.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below not later than 1:30 p.m. on 05 December 2005. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 1:31 p.m., 05 December 2005
9. A Pre-Bid conference will be conducted on 21 November, 2005 at exactly 2:00 p.m. at the Committee on Halls of Justice (CHOJ) Conference Room, 7th Floor Centennial Building, Supreme Court of the Philippines, Padre Faura St., Ermita Manila.
10. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security amounting to Php2,600,000.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
11. The address(es) referred to above is 6th Floor, Centennial Building, Supreme Court of the Philippines, Padre Faura St., Ermita, Manila.

23 October 2005.

(Sgd.) **CHRISTOPHER O. LOCK**
Deputy Court Administrator and
Chairman, BAC-JRSP

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| QUEZON CITY | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 1. 2-Sty T'Hse / Unit-10, Golden Shower Exec Hms, # 36 Jose Zabarte,Sr. Ave, Kaligayahan, N'liches LA-42 / FA-65 (nr. Sacred Heart Schl) | 1,301,600 |
| 2. H&L/# 269 M Aquino St Ban-lat Rd,T.Sora LA-120 / FA-191 (near NPC/NIA Subdivision) | 1,350,000 |

| MUNTINLUPA – Alabang | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| San Jose Vill. (infront of Alabang Town Cntr) | |
| 3. Lot/Lot-264 (Pcs-4946), St. Joseph St /LA-526 *with Lis Pendens | 4,381,000 |

| LAGUNA – Calamba | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| Brgy. Lawa, Revelation St. St. Augustine Vill. | |
| 4. Lot / Lot-14 Blk-1 / LA-106 | 276,000 |
| 5. Lot / Lot-15 Blk-1 / LA-106 | 276,000 |

| LAS PINAS – Talon Dos | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 6. 2-Sty T'Hse/ Unit-11, BFCarnival Park St.nr E. Yuhico St. Union Villas T'Hms, BF Resort Vill., Talon-2 / LA-85 / FA-128 | 1,500,000 |
| 7. 2-Sty.T'Hse/# 475-C,North-11 St. Angela Vill , Brgy. Talon-2 LA-68/FA-101 (access via Happy Ville) | 1,600,000 |

| ANTIPOLO, RIZAL (Lots) | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 8. L-20 B-17, Jerusalem St Ph-5 Brgy.Uulan/LA-120 (via Tikling Junction & Melendres Subd ) | 332,000 |
| 9. L-23 B-10, Cottonwood Hts. Bayugo / LA-266 (near Sumulong) | 1,332,000 |
| 10. L-21 B-2, Birchwood St, Cottonwood Hts, Bayugo / LA-355 | 1,778,000 |
| 11. Lot-47 Blk-18,Park Ridge Est. Ph.-3 (via Valley Golf) LA-611 | 1,852,000 |
| 12. L-17 B-1, Beverly St, Sta Barbara 1,Mission Hills,Colaique/LA-1,021 (nr. Pines City) | 3,692,000 |
| 13. H&L, L-7 B-3, Valley Golf Dr. Valley Golf Subd., Mayamot LA-1,961 / FA-107 (Nr. Ortigas Ext'n ) | 4,950,000 |

| ANGONO, Rzl. (via Antipolo) | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 14. Lot / L-6 B-2, Mills St, Sta. Monica Classic Est,Ph-3,Mission Hills Brgy Colaique/LA-540 (near Pines City) | 1,950,000 |

| BINANGONAN,Rizal-Tayuman | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 15. Lot-1(Psd-04-009041) Nat'l Rd cor short-cut Rd to Flood-way (infront of Tayuman Elem Schl) LA-740 *w/ occupant | 2,328,000 |

| CALOOCAN – Gracepark | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 16. Lot / L-25 & 26 B-31, 2nd St LA-388 (between 3rd & 4th Ave) | 3,428,000 |

| BULACAN – Sta. Maria | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| Brgy.Guyong, Sunrays Vill.-beside Delfi | |
| 17. H&L / L-25 B-1 / LA-74/FA-30 | 370,000 |

| BULACAN – Plaridel | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| Brgy. Lalangan - Plaridel Heights | |
| 18. Cor Lot / L-2 B-47, LA-355 | 1,243,000 |
| 19. Cor. Lot / L-13 B-7, LA-404 | 1,414,000 |
| 20. Cor Lot / L-2 B-38, LA-411 | 1,439,000 |
| 21. Lot / Lot- 25 Blk-8, LA-350 | 1,155,000 |

| BULACAN - MALOLOS | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 22. H&L / Lot 2 & 3 Blk-17,Desta Ave. cor 1st St , Desta Hms. Brgy Atlag LA-515 / FA-293 (near Sto Cristo Diversion Rd ) | 2,732,000 |

| MALABON- Brgy. Dampalit | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| North Merville Park-I Subd. (*w/ occupants) | |
| 23. *L-1 B-14, J Cancio St/LA-186 | 110,000 |
| 24. *Lot-19 Blk-13-A / LA – 168 | 130,000 |
| 25. *L-53 B-9, D Rosario St / LA-281 | 290,000 |

| MALABON – Hulong Duhat | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 26. Lot / # 8 Don Basilio Bautista Blvd / Lot Area – 866 | 6,200,000 |

| VALENZUELA – Nr. Malinta Exit | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 27. Lot / Lot-551-A-2-A-3, Pineda Compd, Bonifacio St / LA-1,114 | 2,241,000 |
| 28. 3-Sty Bldg/ Lot-894-A-3,Mariano Laurel Drive Paso De Blas LA-463/FA-809 (nr Fortune Vill -4) | 4,300,000 |

| SAN MATEO-Bo.Patiis, RIZAL | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 29. *Lot / B-15, LA – 40,171 | 2,040,000 |
| 30. *Lot / B-16, LA – 40,171 | 2,040,000 |
| 31. *Lot / B-17, LA – 40,171 | 2,040,000 |
| 32. *Lot / B-18, LA – 40,171 | 2,040,000 |
| * No Right Of Way | |

| TARLAC CITY | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 33. Agro-Indl / Lot-3871-D,Sapang Maragul,Tibag /LA-10,001-near arch | 2,652,000 |

| MAKATI CITY | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| Kingswood Twr.- P. Tamo cor. V. Cruz | |
| 34. Condo / Unit-P2F, Tower-B 28th & 29th flrs / FA-154 | 7,208,000 |
| 35. Condo / Unit-P3F,Tower-B 26th & 27th flrs / FA - 154 | 7,208,000 |

| NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| # 529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.) | |
| 36. Lot / Lot 3-A-5 / LA-1,847 | 401,000 |
| 37. Lot / Lot 3-A-4 / LA-1,847 | 401,000 |
| 38. Lot / Lot 3-A-3 / LA-1,848 | 401,000 |
| 39. Lot / Lot 3-A-2 / LA-1,848 | 401,000 |
| 40. Lot / Lot 3-A-1 / LA-1,839 | 401,000 |

| CAVITE – Carmona (Lot) | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 41. L-28 B-4, Ph-1, St Andrew St Mia Southwoods,Cabilang Baybay LA- 450 (nr Gate-1) *with Lis Pendens | 3,005,000 |

**RESIDENTIAL**

| CAINTA – Brgy. San Juan | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| near Greenland Subd. & Cainta Municipal Hall | |
| 42. Lots-17,18,19,21&22 Blk-1 & Psu-178259, Victoria Avenue LA-2,808 (near Buenmar St.) | 4,853,000 |

| CAVITE - Molino III, Bacoor | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| Madelaine Place, Springville Subd. | |
| 43. Lot / Lot - 8 Blk - 1 / LA-117 | 646,000 |
| 44. Lot / Lot - 6 Blk - 4 / LA-120 | 663,000 |
| 45. Lot / Lot - 10 Blk - 3 / LA-123 | 679,000 |
| 46. Lot / Lot - 18 Blk - 6 / LA-132 | 729,000 |
| 47. Lot / Lot - 19 Blk - 7 / LA-132 | 729,000 |
| Washington Manor, Springville Subd. (Blk-2) | |
| 48. Lot / Lot-2 Blk-2 / LA-154 | 1,134,000 |
| 49. Lot / Lot-16 Blk-2 / LA-145 | 1,067,000 |
| 50. Lot / Lot-18 Blk-2 / LA-162 | 1,192,000 |
| Central Phase – 2, Springville Subd. (Lots) | |
| 51. L-24 B-7,MB Villar Ave /LA-120 | 974,000 |
| 52. L-3 B-3, near ClubHse / LA-112 | 790,000 |
| 53. L-5 B-3, near ClubHse / LA-112 | 790,000 |
| 54. L-7 B-3, near ClubHse / LA-122 | 861,000 |
| 55. L-2 B-1, near ClubHse / LA-96 | 677,000 |

| Orchard Res'l. Estates and Golf & Country Club - Salitran, Dasmarinas, Cavite | |
|---|---|
| FAIRWAY LOTS | |
| 56. Lot-46 Blk -50 / L.A.- 630 | 2,394,000 |
| 57. Lot-49 Blk -50 / L.A - 582 | 2,212,000 |
| 58. Lot-50 Blk -50 / L.A - 627 | 2,383,000 |
| NON - FAIRWAY LOTS | |
| 59. Lot-12 Blk -38 / L.A.- 653 | 1,959,000 |
| 60. Lot-06 Blk -45 / L.A.- 1,085 | 3,255,000 |
| 61. Lot-07 Blk -45 / L.A - 752 | 2,256,000 |

| CAVITE- Brgy. Palangue, Naic | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| Mango Orchard Res'l. & Farm Estates | |
| 62. Lot-6 Blk.-19-A / L.A.- 1,249 | 1,249,000 |
| 63. Lot-5 Blk.-19-B / L.A.- 3,052 | 3,052,000 |
| 64. Lot-8 Blk.-19-B / L.A.- 1,890 | 1,890,000 |
| 65. Lot-9 Blk.-19-B / L.A - 2,247 | 2,585,000 |
| 66. Lot-1 Blk -24 / L.A - 1,624 | 1,868,000 |

| TAGAYTAY CITY | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| between Sta. Rosa, Lag. Short-cut & Aguinaldo H-way | |
| 67. Lot/Lot-8, Tagaytay-Calamba Rd Tolentino-West (over looking Taal Lake) LA-2,156 *w/ Lis Pendens | 20,000,000 |

**COMMERCIAL / AGR'L.**
(SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL)

| MAKATI – Pio Del Pilar | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| Bangkal – near S.Super Hi-way & EDSA | |
| 68. Lot/L-7 B-7,Evangelista St cor Arguelles St / LA - 310 | 13,311,000 |
| 69. L-8 B-7,Evangelista St LA-311 | 11,700,000 |
| Millenium Plaza- Mktl. Ave. cor. Eduque St. | |
| 70. Condo Unit / 5/F, FA–261 (near former Int'l Schl ) | 17,765,000 |

| QUEZON CITY | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 71. Building / Lots 8 & 9 Blk-S-27 Timog Ave LA-1,380-FA-1,500 (nr.Unionbank Br & GMA-7) *on Lease | 70,000,000 |
| 72. W'house / 185 Roosevelt Ave S F Del Monte / LA-5,641 FA-3,454 (infront of Watch Twr) | 140,000,000 |
| 73. Warehouse / # 138 Gen Luis cor Pasacola Rd, Nagkaisang Nayon, Novaliches LA-49,504 / FA-23,384 | 300,000,000 |

| MANILA – Divisoria (KP Twr.) | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 74. Condo, 2/F, CM Recto Ave corner Juan Luna St / FA-658 | 28,792,000 |

| CAVITE - Tanza, Bo. Tres Cruces' | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| nr. Transville Subd, via Trece Martires | |
| 75. Agri Lot / Lot-2931 (Rs-1273) LA-40,127 *w/ Adverse Claim & No Right Of Way | 5,117,000 |

| TARLAC CITY – Poblacion | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 76. Lot / Lot-4-C, Rizal St / LA-759 | 8,094,000 |
| 77. Lot / Lot-4-A, Panganiban St LA-1,120 (infront of iceplant) | 11,943,000 |

| SARIAYA - QUEZON PROV. | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 78. Agri Lot w/ resi H&L,W'hse & Piggery/Lot-6181-A-5-A-1-A-1-D, E,F,G,I & Lot-6181-A-4,Psd 4A-001202, Bo Sampaloc/ LA-101,038, FA-9,277 (along the Hi-way) * with Lis Pendens | 45,053,000 |

| NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| # 529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.) | |
| 79. Agri Lot / Lot-3-B / LA-37,041 | 2,366,000 |
| 80. Comml Lot w/ W'hse & Offc. Lot-2-H / LA-2,260 / FA-580 | 5,098,000 |

| VALENZUELA CITY | MIN BID |
|---|---|
| 81. W'hse/Lot-13 Templanza St. D Pedro Vill, Marulas LA-2,540 FA-3,314 (Near Savory Rest) | 18,209,000 |
| 82. Ind'l Lot w/ 2 W'hses(14&16) Barracks, Canteen,Guardhse Lot-1075-D-1-C, Plastic City 6 T.Santiago St,Canumay-West LA - 9,923 / FA – 7,096 | 39,703,000 |
| 83. Ind'l Lot w/ Whse / # 47 May-san Rd / LA-7,871/FA-7,040 (near Maysan Elem Schl) | 40,702,000 |
| 84. Industrial Lot / Lot-382-C Plastic City Housing,Canumay LA – 25,798 / (Via T Santiago St & Pinagbayanan St ) | 45,000,000 |

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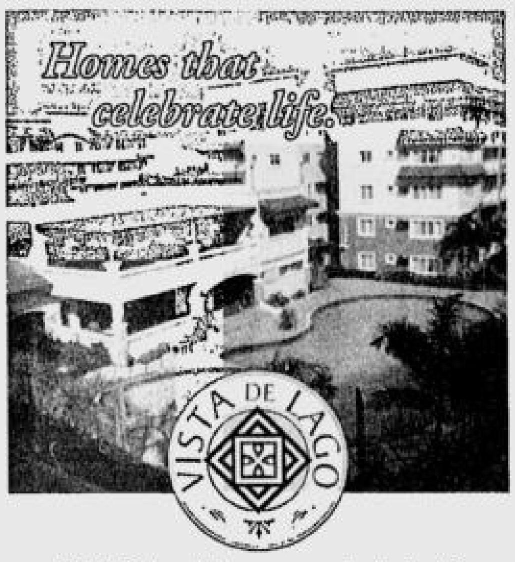

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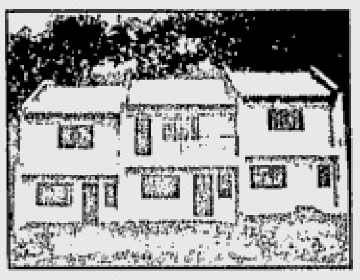
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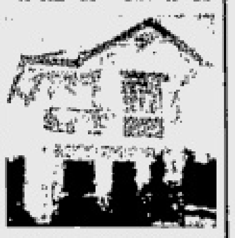

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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MANUEL A. YAP and LORETA V. YAP has been extrajudicially settled among their heirs before Notary Public HILARIO T. OMADTO, JR. as per Doc#24 Page#6 Book#IIA Series of 2005. (PDI-Oct. 23, 30 & Nov. 6, 2005)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARIANO CHENG KING has been extrajudicially settled by his legal heirs under Doc No. 60; Page No. 15; Book No. XV; Series of 2005 of Notary Public atty Aguedo L. Gepto III of City of Manila (PDI-Oct 23, 30 & Nov 6, 2005)

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Revenue Region No. 03
Tuguegarao City

**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID**

The Bureau of Internal Revenue through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Name of Project | SECURITY AND JANITORIAL SERVICES | |
| Location | BIR, Revenue Region No. 03, Tuguegarao City | |
| Approved Budget | Security Services: | P 1,476,225.72 |
| | Janitorial Services: | P 376,179.60 |
| Contract Duration | January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 | |

All interested parties may get the bidding requirements/forms from Ms. Cirila R. Alegre, Head, BAC Secretariat, BIR Regional Office, ATI Bldg., Don Domingo, Tuguegarao City starting November 03, 2005. Submission of the sealed bids will be until November 24, 2005 at 8:30 am. The opening and deliberation of the bids will be at 9:00 am on the same day and will be held at the BIR Regional Office. A Pre-Bid conference will be conducted on November 10, 2005 at 9:00 a.m at the Conference Hall, BIR Regional Office.

The criteria to be used by the BIR are the following: a) eligibility check of prospective bidders, b) examination and evaluation of bids; and c) post qualification shall be on a non-discretionary "pass/fail" basis.

The BIR-BAC assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that they may incur in the preparation of their bid. The BIR also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any of the required formality therein and accept the bids mostly advantageous to the government.

For particulars, please inquire from the BAC Secretariat at telephone no. 844-3779/844-2883.

APPROVED

(Sgd.) THELMA S. MILABAO
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**ERRATUM**

In the ad of **National Food Authority**, relative to the *Supply and Delivery of FDC Laboratory Equipment (17 items)* published in this paper on October 29, 2005, the Pre-Bid Conference will be on **November 14, 2005** and the Bidding Conference will be on **December 2, 2005.**

National Food Authority

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DAR BIARSP IX

## INVITATION TO BID
### Information Technology Equipment

The Belgian Integrated Agrarian Reform Programme (BIARSP) is a bilateral development programme between the Governments of the Philippines and Belgium. Its aim is to assist the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to successfully complete the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

BIARSP is currently on its third and final phase of implementation. BIARSP is regarded as one of the most important programmes for agrarian reform. It is highly regarded for its integrated approach covering not only agricultural support services but also education, public health and institutional capacity building.

To further strengthen the programme's implementation, BIARSP supports its lead partner agency, the DAR, in upgrading its field offices to provide a conducive working environment for its staff in order to have an efficient delivery of service. BIARSP will purchase computer sets, laptops, printers, scanners, software, binding machines, LCD projectors, projector screens, digital cameras among others, for its lead implementing agency, the Department of Agrarian Reform.

The BIARSP-Technical Support and Coordination Office (TSCO) therefore invites eligible companies to bid for the above-mentioned equipment in full or in batches. The equipment shall be delivered to one or more of the four (4) provinces of Region VII and one or more of the four (4) provinces of Region IX.

Interested parties are invited to visit www.biarsptsco.org (OPPORTUNITIES – Tenders) for the detailed list of office equipment to be purchased, specifications as well as delivery destinations for the said equipment. Please submit proposed technical document with information such as company profile, proposed budgetary requirements, description/experience of similar assignments through any of the following:

E-mail : tsco@biarsptsco.org
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Cor. Rizal Blvd. – San Juan Street,
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental
Fax : (035) 422-7736

For further queries, please get in touch with Mary Marlyn C. Llosa, Administrative Officer, at tel. #s: (035) 225-5929; 225-5930; 225-8681; and 422-7459.

Interested parties are advised to submit their documents not later than November 28, 2005.

(PDI - Oct. 28 & 30, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
**SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL**
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Manila

### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The San Lazaro Hospital hereby invites sealed bids from interested and eligible suppliers/manufacturer/retailers to participate in the bidding for the procurement and delivery of Hospital Supplies/Materials for 1st semester, January-June 2006; Hospital Contractual Services and Hospital/Medical Equipments for CY 2006. Funding sources are from the GOP Allotment for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses for Supplies and Materials, Revolving Funds from Drugs and Medicines and Hospital Retained Incomes.

Application forms for Eligibility shall be available upon payment of non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) from October 17 up to the date before the opening of the bids, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, at the BAC Secretariat, Procurement Office, San Lazaro Hospital. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION** of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility and suporting documents shall not be later than **October 28, 2005.** Please bring original copies of all submitted documents for proper authentication.

Interested Bidders can obtain the BID DOCUMENTS at the BAC Secretariat located at the Procrement Office, San Lazaro Hospital from October 24, 2005 up to the date before the opening of the bids by category and upon payment of non-refundable fees as indicated per category. Payment shall be strictly on a cash basis at the hospital Collection Unit:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Drugs/Medicines Supplies | Php | 2,000.00 | |
| Laboratory Supplies | Php | 1,500.00 | |
| Medical Supplies/Gases & Oxygen | Php | 1,000.00 | per category |
| Radiology/Dental/Dietary/Janitorial Supplies | Php | 500.00 | per category |
| Maintenance/Linen Supplies | Php | 500.00 | per category |
| Laundry Service | Php | 1,000.00 | |
| Janitorial Service | Php | 2,000.00 | |
| Hospital/Office/Medical Equipments | Php | 1,000.00 | per category |

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held at SLH Amphitheater/Audio visual Rm. (AVR)/ the SACCL Conference Room, San Lazaro Hospital, Quiricada St., Sta. Cruz, Manila unless announced otherwise.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Laboratory Reagent/Supplies | 9:00 am | November 7, 2005 |
| Drugs & Medicines Supplies | 1:30 pm | November 7, 2005 |
| Medical Supplies/Med Gases & Oxygen | 9:00 am | November 8, 2005 |
| Dietary Foodstuff | 1:30 pm | November 8, 2005 |
| Radiology Supplies | 2:30 pm | November 9, 2005 |
| Maintenance Supplies | 3:30 pm | November 9, 2005 |
| Dental Supplies | 9:00 am | November 10, 2005 |
| Janitorial Supplies | 10:30 am | November 10, 2005 |
| Janitorial Service | 1:30 pm | November 10, 2005 |
| Laundry Service/Linen Supplies | 2:30 pm | November 10, 2005 |
| Hospital Equipment | 9:00 am | November 11, 2005 |

**OPENING OF BID** must be submitted to the BAC Secretariat at the time/dates specified, which said bids will be opened to the Public on:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Laboratory Reagent/Supplies | 9:01 am | November 25, 2005 |
| Drugs & Medicines Supplies | 1:31 pm | November 25, 2005 |
| Medical Supplies/Med Gases/Oxygen | 9:01 am | November 30, 2005 |
| Dental Supplies | 10:31 am | November 30, 2005 |
| Dietary/Foodstuff | 9:01 am | December 1, 2005 |
| Radiology Supplies | 11:01 am | December 1, 2005 |
| Maintenance Supplies | 2:01 pm | December 1, 2005 |
| Janitorial Supplies | 3:01 pm | December 1, 2005 |
| Laundry Service/Linen Supplies | .9:01 am | December 2, 2005 |
| Janitorial Service | 1:31 pm | December 2, 2005 |
| Hospital Equipment | 9:00 am | December 5, 2005 |

Each **BID** must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** in an amount at least equal to, and not lower than, a percentage of the Approved Budget Cost per category in any form as indicated in the Bid Data Sheet.

For further details, please contact the BAC Secretariat at tel. nos. **3099552** and Procurement Unit **3099516.**

*THE SLH-BAC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BID AND TO ANNUL THE BIDDING PROCESS, AND REJECTS ALL BIDS AT ANYTIME PRIOR TO THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT, WITHOUT THEREBY INCURRING ANY LIABILITY TO THE AFFECTED BIDDERS OR ANY OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE AFFECTED BIDDER/BIDDERS ON THE REASONS FOR DOING SO. SLH-BAC ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO COMPENSATE OR INDEMNIFY BIDS NOR DEEM IT GUARANTEED THAT AN AWARD WILL BE MADE.*

(Sgd.) **ELEONORITA E. REYES**
Chairperson
SLH-Bids and Awards Committee

NOTED:
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**Medical Center Chief II**

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| 8. | Blk. 26 Lot 5 BF Martinville | Lot Only | 464 sq.m. | 2,449,920.00 | w/ illegal occupant |
| 9. | Blk. 7 Lot 21 BF Resort | Lot Only | 209 sq.m. | 735,680.00 | vacant |

For inquiries, please call Gerry F. Munsayac at 895-6250 or visit our office at Jade Bldg. No. 335 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL DE LOS SANTOS**
OIC - Vice President
Project Management/Acquired Asset
Disposition Group

(PDI - Oct. 30, 2005)

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## Free memorial services for manila policemen, firemen and barangay watchmen

THE CITY OF MANILA and La Funeraria Paz, Inc signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) providing free funeral services for Manila policemen, firemen and barangay watchmen, Mayor Lito Atienza said.

The service, also known as the "Special Memorial Service Package," will be provided to all officers and members of the Manila Police District (MPD) and Fire Department, as well as watchmen or *tanods* of the city's 897 barangays, "who shall perish in the line of duty or while in the performance or in the lawful discharge of their official functions."

According to Mayor Atienza, under the MoA, the Special Memorial Service Package includes: "retrieval of remains from the place of death; body preparation to include embalming for five (5) days; wooden casket; use of viewing chapels of La Funeraria Paz, Inc ; use of viewing paraphernalia and equipment / cremation in case the viewing is done at home / church / temple, etc.; documentation of the necessary interment / cremation / transfer permits; use of vehicles from retrieval of remains to conveyance of the deceased from the viewing place to the interment / cremation site, and professional service of the personnel of La Funeraria Paz, Inc."

"The city government of Manila understands the great risks and dangers that our law enforcers and firefighters face each day in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities. This, in turn, is part of our genuine commitment to them and assist their families during unfortunate incidents," Mayor Atienza said.

The MoA, however, stipulated that the package "shall be limited for five (5) days and within Metro Manila only and it shall always be subject to the availability of the viewing chapels and other limited facilities" of La Funeraria Paz, Inc.

Services in excess of the five-day period provided for by the MoA and extra services requested by the family of the beneficiary will be for the account of the concerned party.

The signing of the MoA between Manila, represented by Mayor Lito Atienza, and La Funeraria Paz, Inc., represented by its President Jose M. Gonzales, Jr., was held at city hall with Secretary to the Mayor Emmanuel Sison, La Funeraria Paz, Inc. Branch Managers Renato Tanquintic and Cecilia Caancan as witnesses.

**MANILA GOVERNMENT, LA FUNERARIA PAZ INK MOA**

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza (center) and La Funeraria Paz, Inc. president Jose M. Gonzales, Jr. (2nd from left) sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) providing free funeral services for Manila policemen, firemen and barangay watchmen. The service, also known as the "Special Memorial Service Package," will be provided to all officers and members of the Manila Police District (MPD) and Fire Department, as well as watchmen or *tanods* of the city's 897 barangays, "who shall perish in the line of duty or while in the performance or in the lawful discharge of their official functions." Present during the signing of the MoA held at Manila City Hall were Secretary to the Mayor Emmanuel Sison (2nd from right) and La Funeraria Paz, Inc. branch managers Renato Tanquintic (right) and Cecilia Caancan (left).

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### EUFROSINA S. BATERINA

Died in the grace of our Lord
on October 28, 2005 at the age of 85.
Her body lies in state at no. 29 Apo St.,
Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City.
Interment will be announced later.

### FILOMENO PICO

Joined his Creator on Oct. 26, 2005
at the age of 91.
His remains lie in state at the Loyola
Memorial Chapels, Edsa, Makati City.
Interment will be on Friday,
November 4 at Manila Memorial Park,
Sucat, Parañaque.

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*In Loving Memory*
on the 26th Death Anniversary of our dearly beloved

### CONSTANCIA M. MASCARIÑAS

(September 3, 1911 - October 28, 1979)

The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance
Psalm 112:6

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KAY CONSTANCIA
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### MANUEL RAPAYLA ALFORQUE

**June 17, 1919 - October 27, 2005**

His wife **RUSTICA ESCOSURA** (†); children: **ELI, ANNIE, FR. BEN,** ***MSC*****; CORA, ITO, YEYENG,** grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on October 31, 2005 at Minglanilla, Cebu after the 9:00am Mass at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Church, Inayagan, Naga, Cebu.

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### FORTUNATO T. SAMBRANO, SR.

of Bocaue, Bulacan
*peacefully joined our Lord on October 28, 2005 at the age of 83.*
His loving wife **Lydia** (+); Children **Gloria & Bobby, Lulu & Ben, Jun & Rose, Nestor & Vivian** and **Ferdie & Genny**, Grandchildren, relatives and friends,
request the pious readers to pray
for the eternal repose of his soul.
His remains lie in state at the family residence at
245 Bambang St., Bocaue, Bulacan.
Interment will be on Wednesday, November 2, 2005
at the Bocaue Public Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass
at Bocaue Parish Church.

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*Message of Thanks*
**We, the family of the late**

### MARINA YUMUL-BLEZA

*who joined her Creator on October 21, 2005*

wish to convey our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our relatives, friends, and all those who sent condolences, flowers, donations, offered Masses and prayers, called from abroad, attended the funeral rites and helped and comforted us in many ways during our time of bereavement.

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## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO.: 10-117-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

**Name of Project : Supply, Delivery & Installation of Axminster Carpets for Casino Filipino-Heritage**
**Brief Description : Machine woven; Construction: Full cut pile; Yarn Description: 80% wool, 20% nylon; Color: Max. 8 colors (option to interchange colors of selected design)**
**Approved Budget : Three Million Six Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (P3,640,000.00)**
**Source of Fund : Internally Funded**

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance from **October 28, 2005 to November 18, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Pesos (Php1,820.00)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

| *Activities* | *Schedule* |
|---|---|
| Pre-Bid Conference | October 28, 2005 (3 pm) |
| Submission of Bids | November 9, 2005 (10 am) |
| Opening of Bids | November 9, 2005 (10 am onwards) |

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

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Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO**
Chairperson, BAC 3
(PDI - Oct. 30, 2005)

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## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO.: 08-106-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

**Name of Projet : Supply & Delivery of 1.5 million decks of Playing Cards**
**Approved Budget : One Million Eight Hundred Thousand U.S. Dollars (US$ 1,800,000.00) (Note: CIF - Port of Manila)**
**Source of Fund : Internally Funded**

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR may be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the **Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section** (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor, PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the Bid Documents available for issuance from **October 21, 2005 to December 7, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven & 50/100 Pesos (Php 50,287.50)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretary handling the project.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

| Activities | Schedule |
|---|---|
| Pre-bid Conference | November 8, 2005 (10 am) |
| Submission of Bids (Envelope 1, 2, & 3) | December 8, 2005 (2 pm) |
| Opening of Bids (Envelope 1 & 2) | December 8, 2005 (2 pm onwards) |
| Opening of Bids (Envelope 3) | January 13, 2006 (2 pm) |

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(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 2
(PDI - Oct. 23 & 30, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2005-34**
**October 11, 2005**
**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7.5 (IT REQUIREMENT) OF DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2004-01 PRESCRIBING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF DOTC/LTO AUTHORIZATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE PRIVATE EMISSION TESTING CENTERS (PETCs)**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 21 (B) of Republic Act No. 8749, otherwise known as the "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999", DOTC is mandated to implement the emission standards for motor vehicles as provided in the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, authorize private emission testing centers duly accredited by DTI, and formulate, with DTI, a national motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program that will promote efficient and safe operation of all motor vehicles;

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the said Act, DOTC and DTI issued on July 11, 2001, their Joint Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2001, providing for the Guidelines for Accreditation and Authorization of Motor Vehicle Emission Testing Centers;

**WHEREAS,** DOTC issued on November 24, 2003, Department Order No. 2004-01, providing for the Rules and Regulations Concerning the Issuance of DOTC/LTO Authorization of Motor Vehicle Private Emission Testing Centers (PETCs);

**WHEREAS,** PETCs were required, through PETC Information Technology (I.T.) Providers, to upload emission test results, online and real-time, to the DOTC/LTO IT System, to assure the integrity of the emission test results;

**WHEREAS,** DOTC earlier issued Memorandum Circular No. 2003-1, on June 11, 2003, adopting the LTO Proposal to Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the PETC Information Management System;

**WHEREAS,** to date, not all of the LTO considered proposals have been effected to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the PETC Information Management System (the "PETC System"), including its integration or interconnection with the DOTC/LTO IT System, and neither have proper qualifications and regulations been adopted with respect to PETC IT Providers;

**WHEREAS,** there is therefore an urgent need to address the foregoing deficiencies, which are contributory to the continued proliferation of fraudulently issued Certificates of Emission Compliance ("CEC") or non-compliance by PETCs with the foregoing prescribed rules and regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** premises considered, Section 7.5 of Department Order No. 2004-01 dated November 24, 2003, prescribing the Rules and Regulations governing the Issuance of Authorization of PETC IT Providers, are hereby amended to read as follows:

**"7.5 IT REQUIREMENTS**

7.5.1 All PETCs shall be required to upload the emission test results, online and real-time to the PETC IT Providers. The PETC IT Providers, as aggregators of these various emission test results, are correspondingly required to upload the same data of emission test results to the DOTC/LTO IT System also on an online and real-time basis. The emission test results may therefore be validated upon registration of the motor vehicle in any LTO District Office nationwide.

7.5.2 Interfacing of equipment and the PETC computer or workstation shall be strictly enforced. There will be no human intervention in capturing test results. Likewise, the client program will not have an edit capability to alter or edit test results.

7.5.3 The PETC System shall not have direct access to the DOTC/LTO IT System's database. This is to protect the integrity of the DOTC/LTO IT System's database.

7.5.4 An interface service shall enable integration of the PETC IT Providers with the DOTC/LTO IT System, the services and maintenance of which shall be the sole responsibility of the PETC IT Providers, and shall entail no cost to LTO.

7.5.5 The PETC IT Providers and the DOTC/LTO IT System shall provide audit trails and reports of all the emission test transactions to DOTC/LTO.

7.5.6 No PETC and PETC IT Provider, as the case may be, shall be granted any authorization by the Authorization Committee unless the PETC IT Provider has complied, and continues to comply, with all of the qualifications and requirements stated herein and as may from time to time be duly prescribed by DOTC."

Any related department orders, issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Department Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Department Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines and filing of three certified (3) copies hereof with the UP Law Center pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11 dated October 9, 1992.

(Sgd.) **LEANDRO R. MENDOZA**
Secretary
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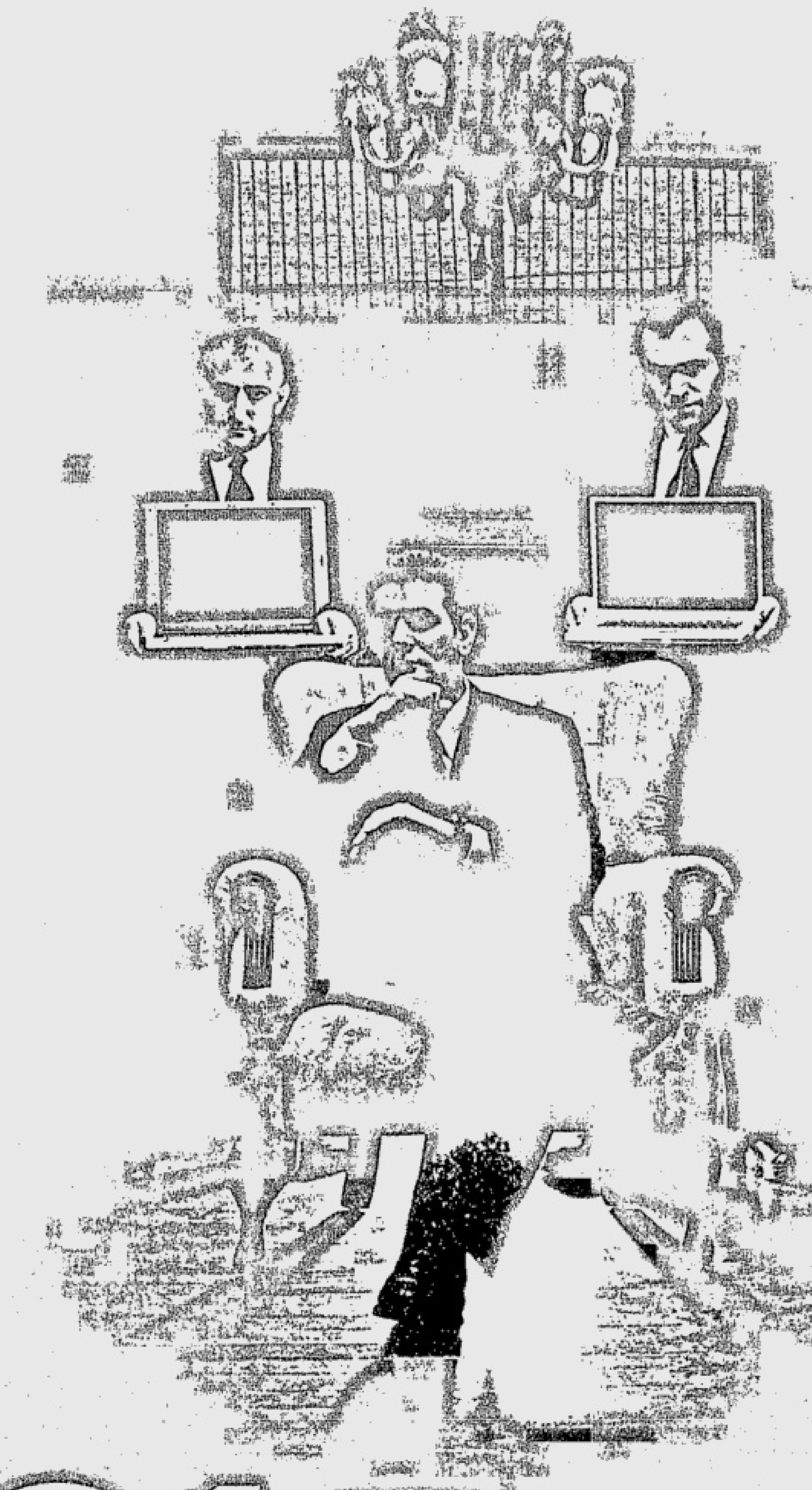

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# My dear children,

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE story. My sister Tess and I didn't have any disagreements over your grandparents' real properties (which were sold), but the contents of her Malate house had to be divided first. Your Lolo Ciso and Lola Nene didn't have any great stuff; the only thing both Tess and I desired was the old piano.

Now there are different ways of dividing personal property—division by lots of equal monetary value (which doesn't always get you the things you want) or a division by sentimental value which I think might be better. To carry out the latter, write Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 on pieces of paper to represent each of your children. The one who draws No. 1 gets first choice—one object that he/she likes best. The second makes the next choice, also of one object he/she likes best (anything from an *aparador* down to a pair of earrings). And so on with the third and the fourth number until every piece is spoken for. If desired, exchanges may later on be negotiated.

## The piano

My only sister and I did that. I drew No. 1 and of course chose the only good thing—the piano. Then we divided everything else down to the last coverlet and spoon. One week later, however, I got a letter from Tess saying she felt she should have gotten the piano, not I. After all, she could play it and I never learned. Besides, she said, she had accompanied our father on his recorder on that piano for many years.

But I had drawn the piano fair and square. And I wanted the piano just as badly! I had always dreamed of owning one so that we could have mini concerts or live sing-alongs in our house which I never had because I felt it too much of an indulgence to buy a piano only for that purpose. I felt really bad about Tess' letter. I reminded Tess that she once owned a piano she had disposed of.

I wrote her that the piano was already there when I first opened my eyes 13 years before she was born. I knew its every yellowed key and candelabra and the bench with old piano pieces. I was just as attached to it as she was. Why, she could sell all the jewelry she got from the partition and buy herself a new piano, couldn't she?

But later, I thought and thought about it. No wonder siblings fight over inheritances and even end up not talking the rest of their lives. One didn't even have to be rich. The amount didn't matter. If we could fight over a piano, we could fight over a toothpick! That's when I decided to let the piano go. It hurt. Since I don't like to harbor grudges, I decided to fine Tess two of the smaller objects she had already chosen—an altar table and mama's beautiful cut glass punch bowl. She gladly turned them over. Tess was happy about it. Eventually, I was, too. More than that, we were so proud of ourselves. (The universe is really wise. Maybe Tess really deserved that piano because now that her son, Papo, is all grown up, his major is musical composition!)

## Emptied ancestral home

Another story. My father (your grandfather) told me that when his remaining parent died, he inherited their ancestral house and its contents. His two sisters inherited the rice and coconut lands. But the girls went back to the house to claim their dressers, commodes, aparadors, desks and other furniture of sentimental value to them. (So you see the parallel?) My good father mentioned this incident to me when I was a teenager so I guess it did bother him somewhat. But it didn't create a ripple between them because he loved his sisters and they themselves were actually gentle, non-materialistic souls who didn't intend to be grabby. I think that was my first introduction to letting go and it came from my father. Parents must always teach their children something.

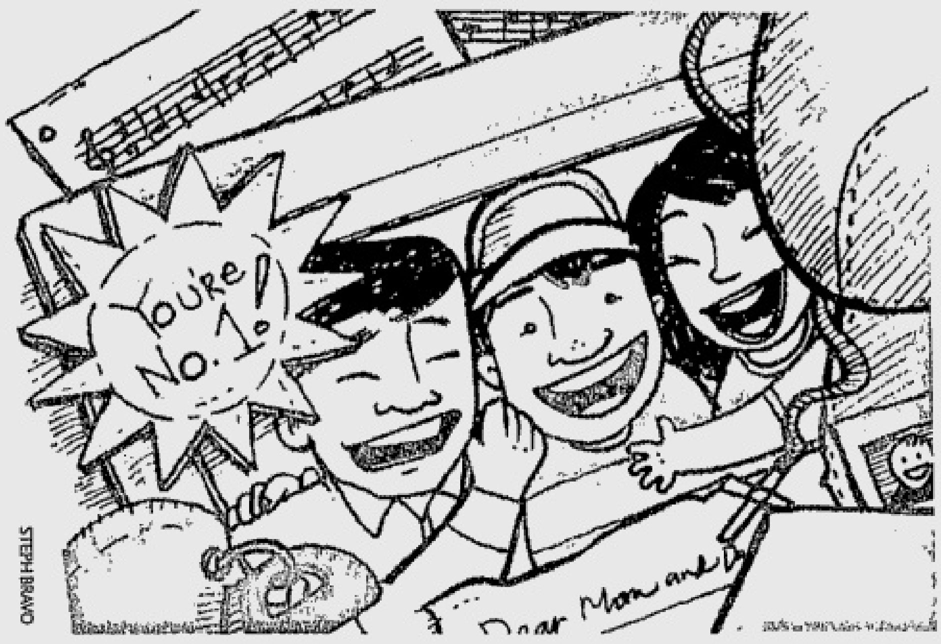
I also think that "secret deals" between a parent and one of the children is not a good practice. When a sibling, after the parent's death, suddenly says, Mama promised this to me, and carts away the most desired object, it's quite a shock! Seed for disagreement! Who heard the promise—and who knows, maybe the parent had a change of mind in between and had no chance to express it? When a parent makes a promise it's only fair to let the rest know while he/she's still alive. Remember that when you grow old.

## Sentimental reasons

I tell you this to remind you that there is so much sentiment attached to personal possessions. Every family member thinks he/she has a right to it. It may be because you've seen them all around you as you grew up and consider them communal property. Actually, mama, who may have bought a painting on her own, with her own savings, may consider it her personal property, to be kept, given away to anyone, or sold at any time.

I remember how miffed I was years ago when I found out that my mother had given away the small mirrored dresser of my childhood to Bibiana, the cook, when she retired. But why not? Mama had designed the art noveau dresser and had it executed. And I had not desired the dresser for 25 years, not until I had a granddaughter. Only because by that time, the dresser had become, like me, a valuable antique.

So even if I'm just leaving you minimal house contents and my sizeable art accumulation, this is a real division quiz, a final one. It is a test of how we've brought you up—with openness and fairness and love. Solve it with an arithmetic of the soul. I expect nothing less than flying colors!



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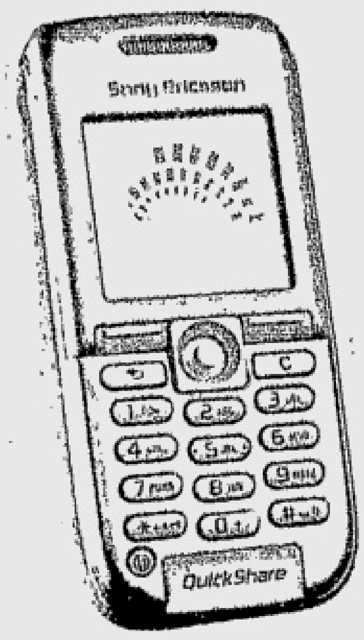

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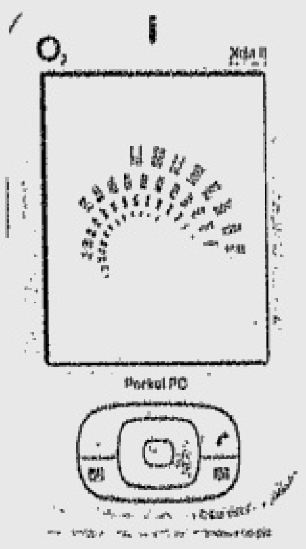

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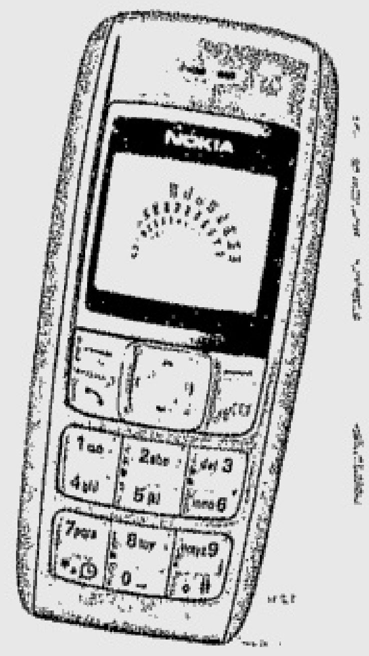

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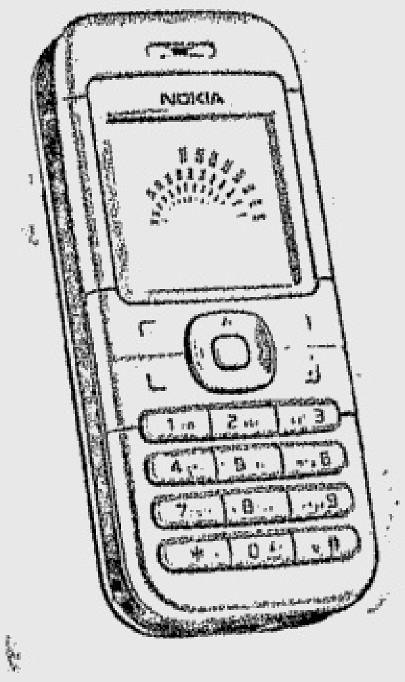

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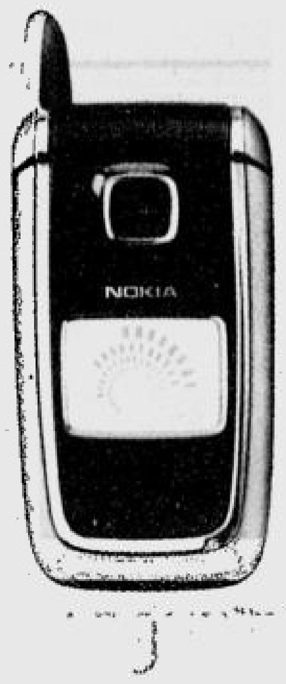

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# Grief lessons

**By Cathy S. Babao Guballa**
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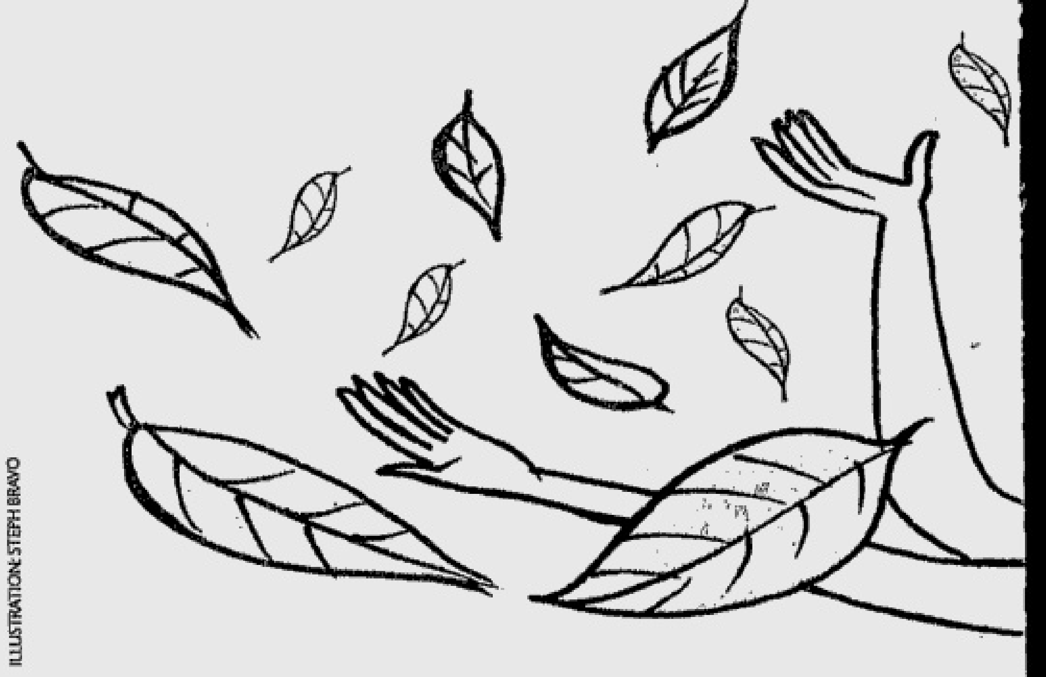
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LOSS TRANSFORMS IN many ways.

Death is never easy, regardless of the manner by which the loss takes place. As Oprah Winfrey once said, "Pain is all the same."

It's been seven years since my 4-year-old son Migi passed away, and I was a totally different person back then. When I look back now, I hardly recognize the woman that I was. Today, I reflect on the seven years that have passed and think about the seven most important lessons the journey to hope has taught me.

**The first year after a loss is always the most difficult part of your grieving process.** Be kind to yourself.

One of the most difficult moments in the initial weeks after he died was having to accept that Migi was truly gone. The night after the funeral, after everyone had gone home, was the loneliest night of my life. Even with my husband and daughter beside me, and another life within waiting to be born, I felt no hope at all.

A couple of weeks later, on a visit to his grave, I saw his marker for the first time. It was then that reality hit me, like a ton of bricks that came crashing down on my head. The marker broke the dam and my tears came gushing with a vengeance.

Acceptance is the key to moving on along the grief process. Life will never be the same again. Don't expect things to return to "normal" because they never will. I do not mean to be harsh, but I'm just laying down the facts from what I know and have observed from friends who have experienced loss in many dimensions.

Build, instead, a "new normal." Life will go on, but you have to hurdle all the painful triggers that come with the first year. Birthdays, anniversaries and holidays are especially difficult. What I found most helpful, in the first year, was to create some sort of family celebration that was different from what we used to do when he was still around.

I thought back then of what Migi would have wanted to do or be remembered by. Eight months after he died, on the day before what would have been his 5th birthday, on February 20, 1999, we opened the first Migi's Corner (a play area for children in the charity wards) at the Philippine Heart Center. Today, there are 11 corners/rooms/gardens all over the country.

Some grieving parents have found it helpful to go on a holiday, while others prefer to remember the day by doing outreach work. Whatever you find helpful to you or your family, do it.

Grief work can be draining. So please be kind to yourself. Take time to recharge your body, sleep when you want to, try as much as possible to eat and take meals on time. Rid your mind of unpleasant thoughts and don't force yourself to be with people who drain your emotional energy.

Try to find some form of exercise that will allow you solitude and space. A friend of mine who lost her daughter to a chronic illness would wake up ahead of everyone early in the morning and walk around her village as the world still lay fast asleep. She said she would use this time to talk to God and cry her heart out. She would do this for close to an hour everyday in the first year of her loss, and then return home just as her other children would prepare themselves for school.

**No loss is exactly the same as yours.** Each grief experience is unique, and remember, there is no set timetable for grieving.

Though there is a common thread that binds bereaved parents, I've learned that we all experience and cope with grief in different ways. There are similar issues, but I've learned that one cannot say, "I know exactly how you feel."

Even if my friend Alma and I had lost our children, her experience was different from mine. She lost Maningning as a young adult, while Migi was a small child. My son passed away from complications of heart surgery, her daughter died from an accident. I was by his side when he breathed his last, she was on a plane many miles away from home.

The circumstances of a loss, the dynamics of family relationships and our individual personalities all come to play in the grief process. There are things I have found effective that I share with them, but I do not expect them to do exactly as I did.

What also needs to be emphasized is that there is no set time to move on after a loss. Only you will be able to determine that. Two years, three years, five years—as long as you are able to function in your daily tasks, perform your responsibilities and not inflict harm upon yourself or your loved ones, you are moving on at a pace that is yours and yours alone.

Last year I knew I had finally healed and moved on when I was finally able to return to the exact room where he died. Accompanied by a very good friend, I visited the isolation room in the intensive care unit where my family bade him good-bye. As I stood there and the memories of that evening came back to me, tears no longer came to my eyes and I felt peace pass over my heart. It was then that I knew I had finally healed.

But don't get me wrong. Sometimes, there isn't an exact moment, a turning point when you know you have healed. The tears still come and many years down the road I know they still will, but that is okay. Which brings me to my next point...

**When the sadness comes, stay with it.** This, too, shall pass.

Sadness denied returns with a vengeance. There is nothing wrong with feeling sad, or wanting to be alone or crying it out. The more you stop the tears from falling, the longer it often takes you to move on.

Again, this processing of feelings is colored by our personalities, our beliefs and conditioning about being "strong and stoic" in the face of sadness.

Grieving is not a time to be strong, but rather to be attuned to what your heart and spirit need. Cry it out if you want to. Find an avenue to work out your sadness. Exercise is a good way of letting out steam, too. The important thing is that you are able to release your sadness in a healthy way and not by numbing it with alcohol or medication.

I always like to use the analogy of a walk by the seashore to describe the process of grief. On certain days, the waves lap gently at your feet. These are the days when you are okay and can function quite well. On certain days, the sea is restless and the waves are pretty high. These are the days when you are filled with sadness and you do the best you can to go about your work.

However, on certain days, the sea is just so turbulent that the waves batter the shore. These are the times when you are awash with your grief and just need the time to be by yourself. But you take heart because you know that this is a temporary state. Just like the ocean, the crashing of the waves comes to an end, and the sea becomes calm and peaceful once more.

**Find a support group.** Talk it out. Write it down. And don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

Seven years ago, there were no support groups in the country for parents who had lost their children. Nowadays, there are a few groups that address this need, but I wish there were more. What I found helpful back then was to surf the net for hours to find resources that would empower me in understanding my loss.

I was also blessed to have met many other parents who have walked the journey of grief as I have. We have shared our pain and our stories and it has been a wellspring of healing for everyone in different ways.

After a while, when you find the energy, go out and seek others who have experienced a similar loss. Better yet, go out and share with the newly bereaved the comfort that you yourself have received from God.

Journal writing is something I recommend to everyone. Getting your thoughts down on paper concretizes them and makes you understand better what it is that you are going through. Later, as you move on, you can retrace the steps you have taken to get to where you are.

Lastly, there is nothing wrong with seeking professional help when you feel you need it. Sometimes someone outside your immediate family circle can help you assess and get a clearer picture. Oftentimes, family members are hurting so much and there is no one who has the energy or wisdom to help you in your grief. If there is no trusted or understanding friend to turn to, counselors, psychologists and psychiatrists are there to help you in your walk.

**Men draw with pencil sketches; women paint in oil.** Respect and try to understand the differences.

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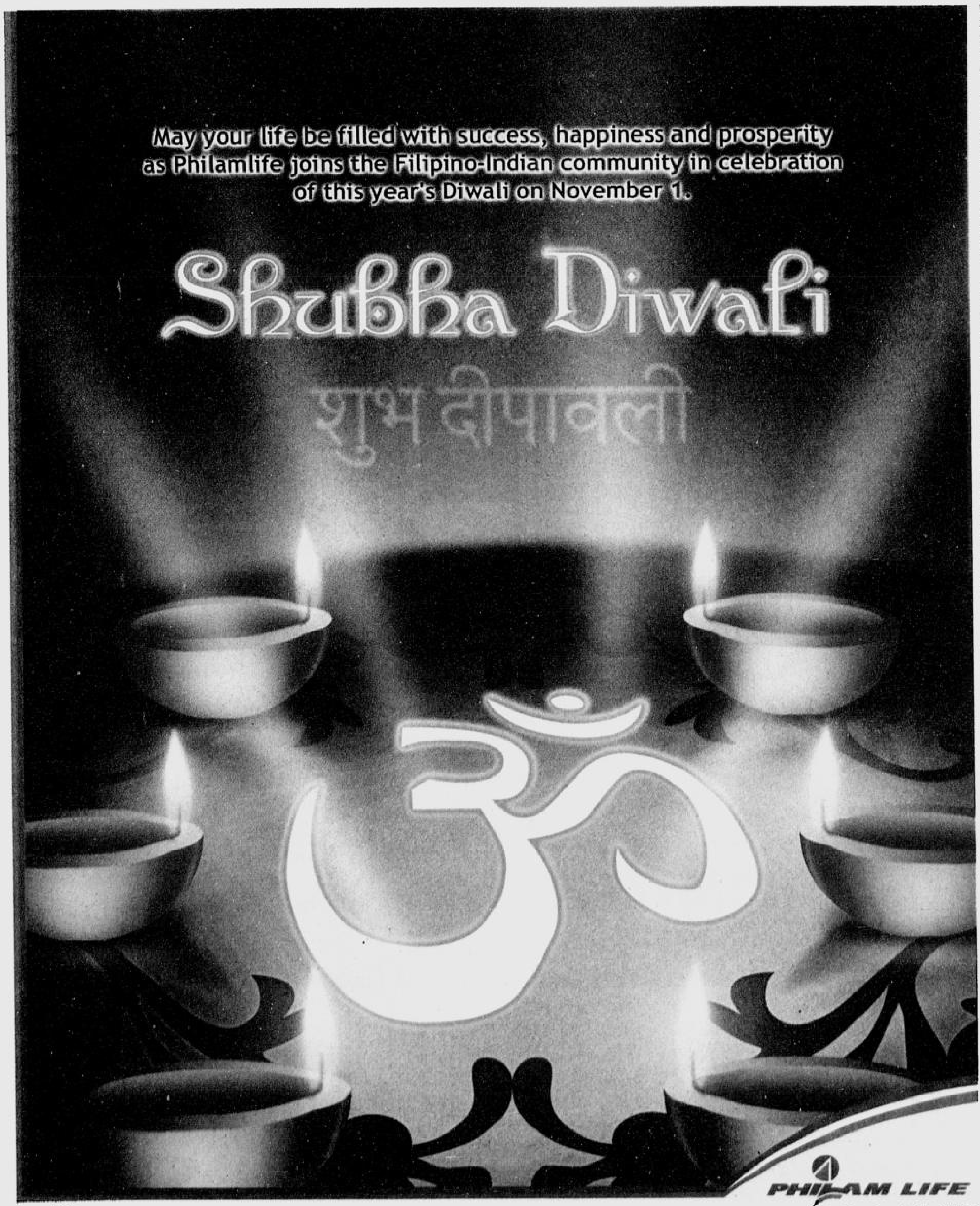
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**d let God.**

nal approach towards grief s always been on a psycho-el. The last seven years, I have est to learn all that I could about grief work, done my homework, worked things out on paper d with therapist friends (Drs. Honey Carandang and Luza Rondain are two of the wisest and warmest women I know), and yet there were still many days when the only thing that saw me through was my faith in the Lord.

> Today, I reflect on the seven years that have passed since my son died, and think about the seven most important lessons the journey to hope has taught me

His grace and faithfulness have seen me through my loneliest of days, He allowed me to go through the valley of loss and grief but when the load became too heavy to bear, He was always there to pull me out of the depths of darkness.

Always, in letting go and giving Him free rein to run my life, I have found the peace that defies all understanding. His words have guided me all these years and have never failed to bring comfort to my journey.

As I placed flowers on Migi's grave today, my eyes fell on a passage inscribed there, one that has given me comfort even as a young girl "...Weepin may o on all night, but joy comes with the mornir :" (Ps 30:5).

Grief has that come with it, too, if we learn our well.

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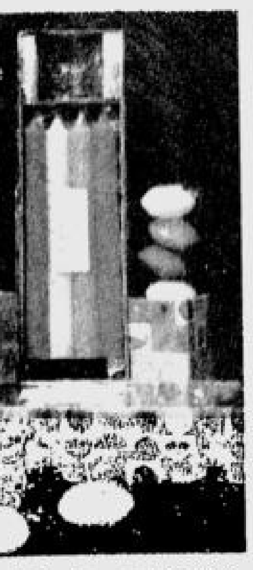

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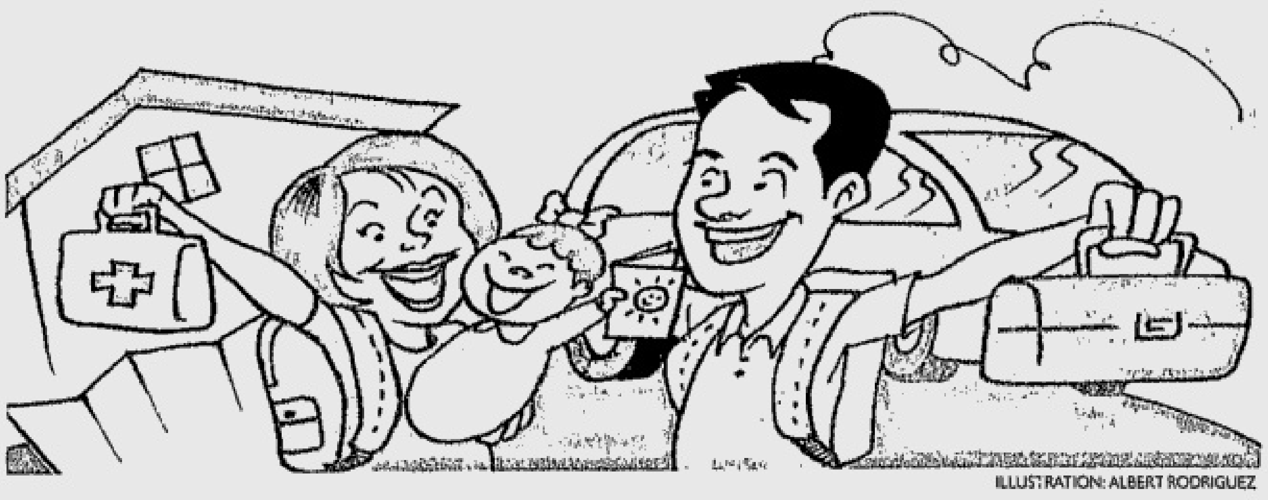

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A pre-trip car check helps reduce chances of costly road trouble

# Things to do before hitting the road

**By Ronald Paulo**
*Contributor*

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A long break this month-end cast over the entire office a vacation mentality, setting everyone talking about places to go, things to do, stuff to pack.

Out of desperation, an officemate shot me a question. "With so little time to prepare before the long vacation, what pre-travel tips can you share with my family?"

That set me to thinking. Being a family man myself, I also look forward to that long break ahead with my entire family. And yes, like everyone else, we are going on a long trip away from home (sigh!). For the benefit of many families planning on a vacation, whether international or domestic, here are some pre-traveling tips you may find useful:

- The most important thing to do is make sure your car is in tiptop shape.
- While a last minute checkup is better than no checkup, motorists should plan to allow time to perform necessary maintenance by themselves or at the local service facility. Not only can a pre-trip inspection help reduce chances of costly and possibly dangerous road trouble, it also provides an opportunity to have repairs made at home, with one's own technician who knows the vehicle.

Now, here is a useful 10-minute pre-trip checklist.

- **Check all fluids.** Pay special attention to engine oil, power steering, brake and transmission fluids and windshield washer solvent.
- **Check hoses and belts.** A belt that fails can affect the electrical system, air-conditioning and power steering, as well as the cooling system. Old, brittle hoses and rusty clamps might need to be replaced.
- **Check the tires.** Inspect, balance and rotate tires. Check inflation on the spare and make sure the jack is in place.
- **The battery.** If it's three or more years old, it should be tested and replaced if necessary. Clean and tighten battery terminals, as loose or corroded connections can cause symptoms of a weak or dead battery such as hard starting and low cooling.
- **Replace old wiper blades and be sure your washers are working.** Carry spare washer solvent in your vehicle to ensure that your visibility is perfect.
- Check all lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Check your toolkit. You must have the basics such as emergency flares, jumper cables, flashlight, pressurized can of tire inflator and emergency light, to address road emergencies.

I spotted a great road emergency kit at Handyman lately. While it's packaged as a practical gift for Christmas (and I'd be happy to receive one myself!), it's actually a must-have at any given time or season.

Here are more important pre-travel tips I learned from my wife:

- Come up with a shortlist of things to do and things to help you work within the family budget.
- Be informed about your place of destination, from tourist spots, places of interest, hotel rates, specialty restaurants and resorts. The Internet and travel agencies are a great source of on-going promotions and value-for-money holiday packages.
- It's also advisable to know a few conversational lines in the local dialect or language. Add to this some knowledge on local laws, customs and practices.
- Ask friends, officemates and relatives for experiences and recommendations. These are definitely more reliable than paid advertisements.
- Travel light. Perhaps the most important piece of luggage you take on a trip is your carry-all bag (backpack to most). This bag should hold a little bit of everything such as a first-aid kit, travel documents (tickets, passports), credit cards, even cash.
- Leave a copy of your itinerary with family or friends at home so you can be contacted in case of an emergency.

Finally, before you hit the road, make sure all electrical appliances are unplugged, lights, LPGs and ovens turned off, dogs are in their reliable guarding positions, and trustworthy neighbors advised of your absence.

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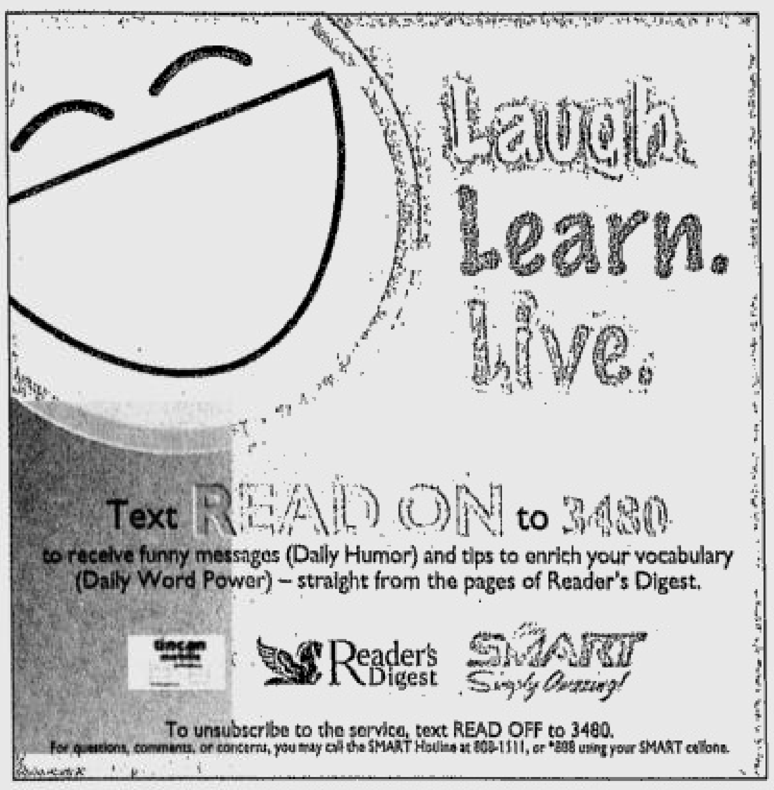

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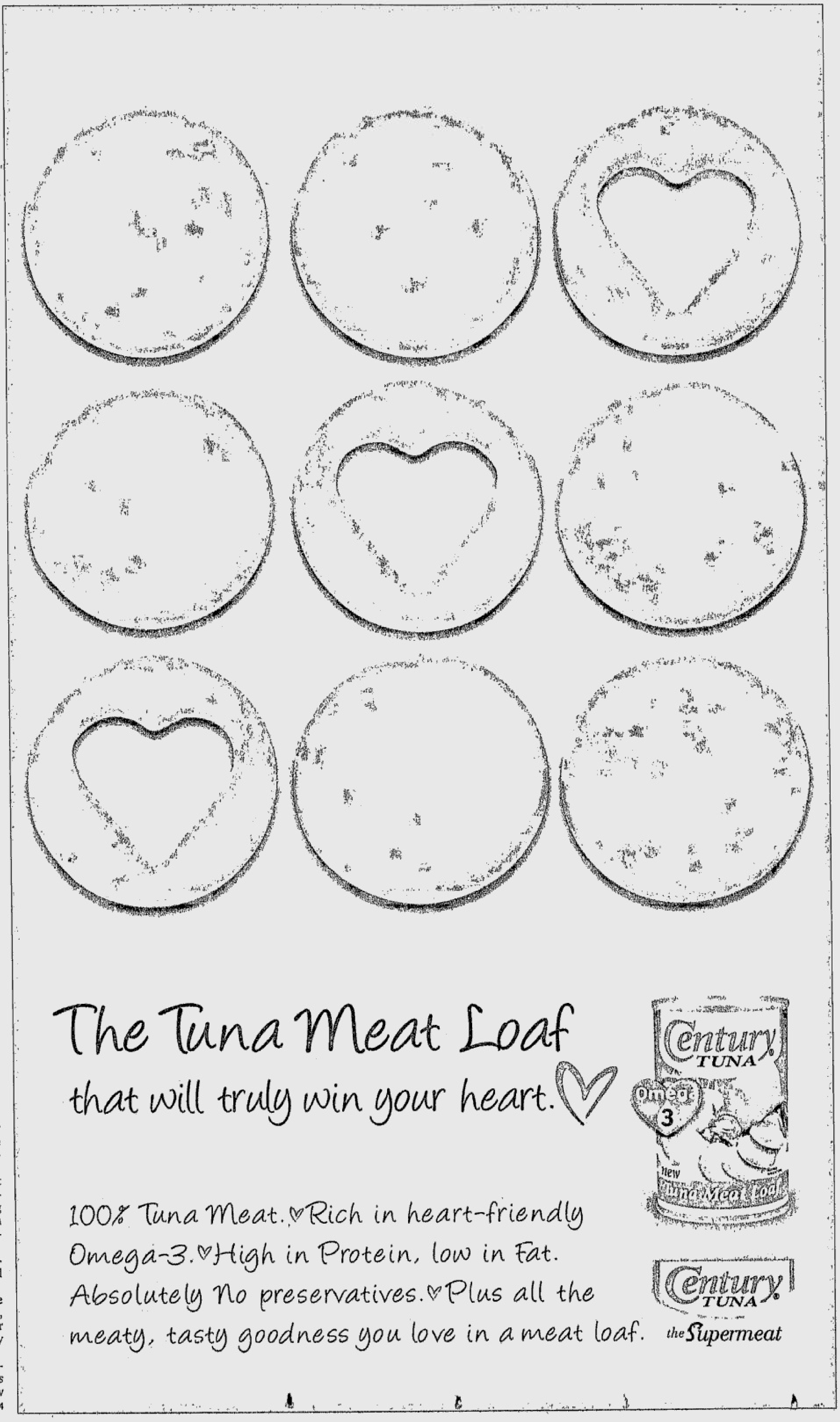

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# Memorials and warnings in southern E

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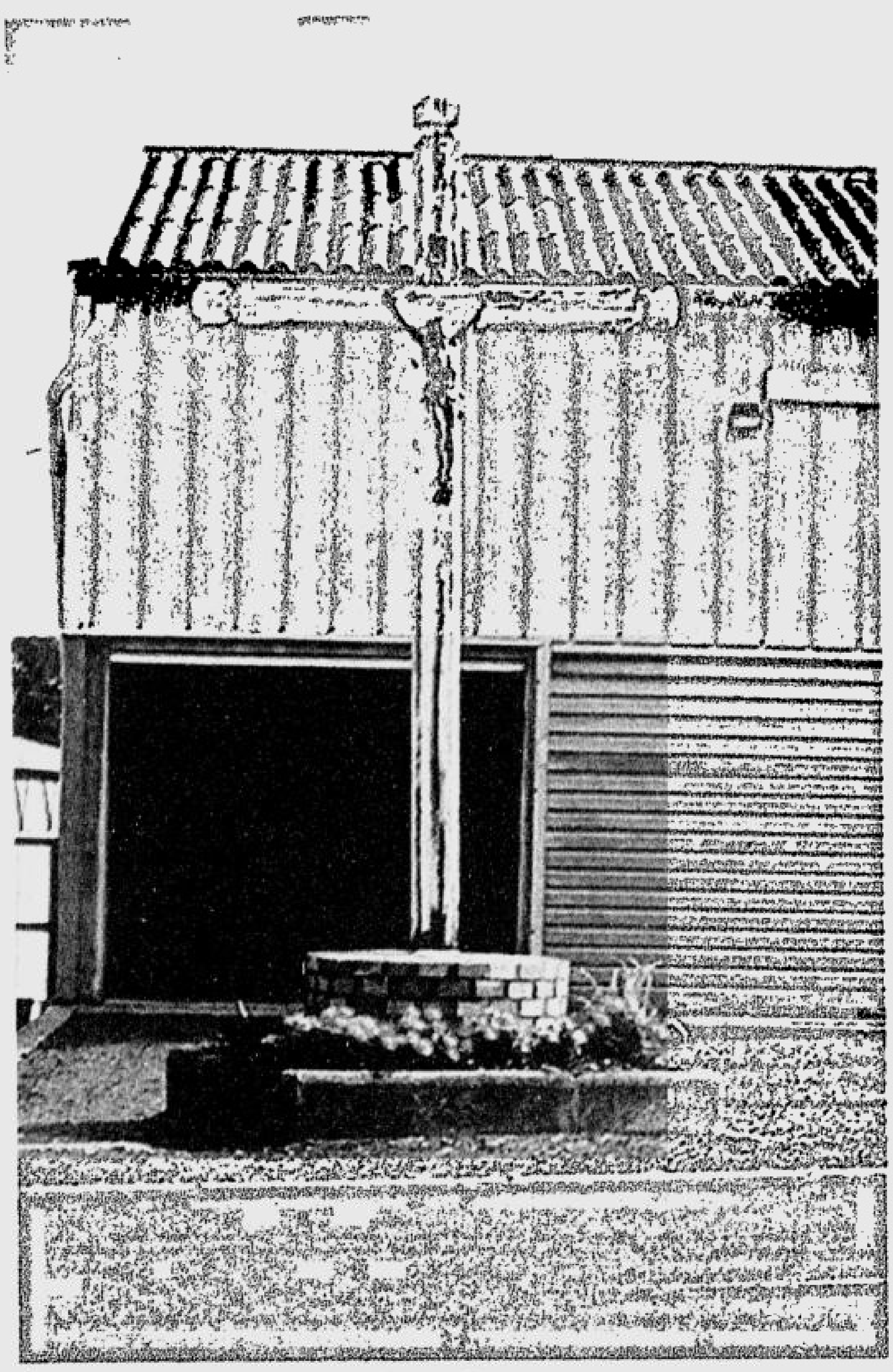


WAYFARERS' cross at an intersection in central France

VISITORS TO EUROPE USUALLY PUT soaring cathedrals and little village chapels at the top of their must-see list. Nowadays, it has been wryly observed, tourists tend to outnumber worshippers in these places.

Yet there is poignant evidence of how religion infuses the lives of the general populace. Driving through a landscape of fields, punctuated by neat rolls of hay in the late summer, one comes across small wayside crosses, not on the motorways but on the smaller roads that link the towns.

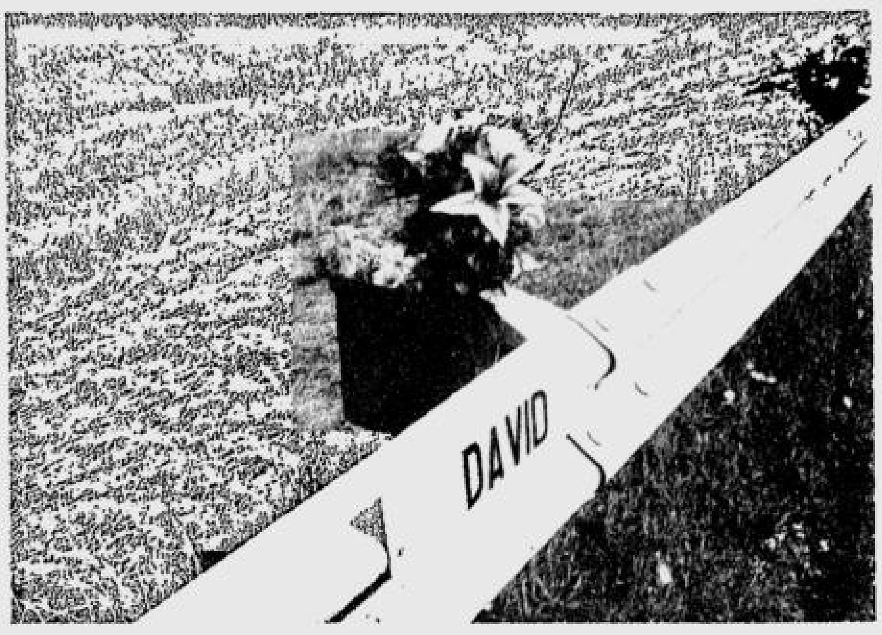
They mark the site where a life ended in a road accident. Where someone's journey abruptly stopped. Flower bouquets lie at the base of many of these crosses. Some are lashed to the arms. These memorials are most abundant in the traditionally Catholic southern countries, such as Belgium, France and Spain. One also finds them in Latin America and parts of the southwestern United States, where they are known as *descanos*, Spanish for "rest" or "relief." In Chile they have become quite elaborate, like miniature chapels, with a photograph of the deceased within.

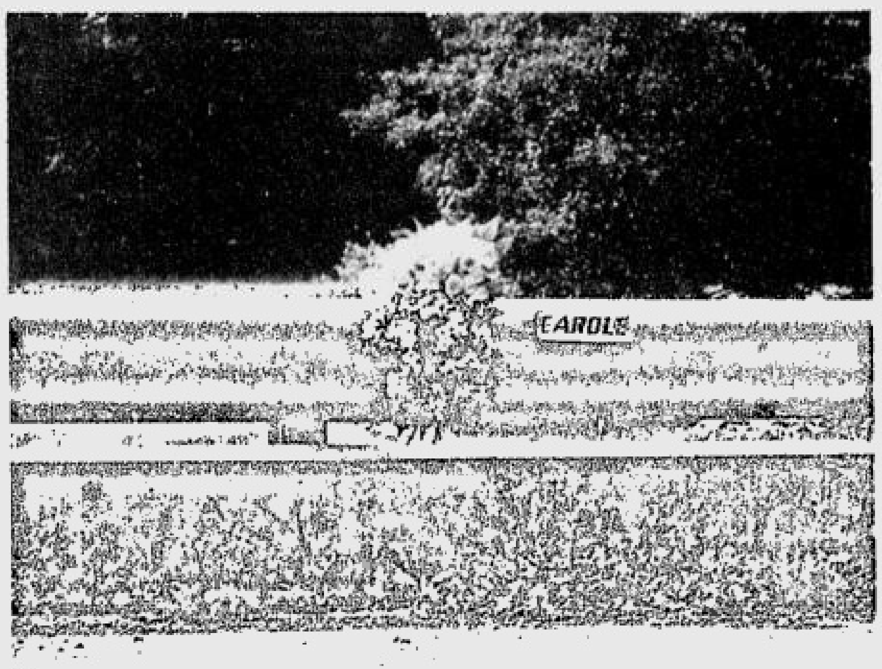
In the Philippines, especially in less urbanized areas, the site of a fatal road accident is also marked by a makeshift cross, fresh flowers plucked from a nearby shrub, and candles. Travelers pass the shrine and shudder. After dark, bloodstains on the asphalt glow an eerie green. But after a week of rain and heat, the bougainvilleas or hibiscus wilt completely and the crosses fall apart. Few people have the resources for permanent shrines, and roads are so narrow a concrete structure would be a hazard. Families worry that vandals or animals may desecrate something more lasting.

## Wayside markers

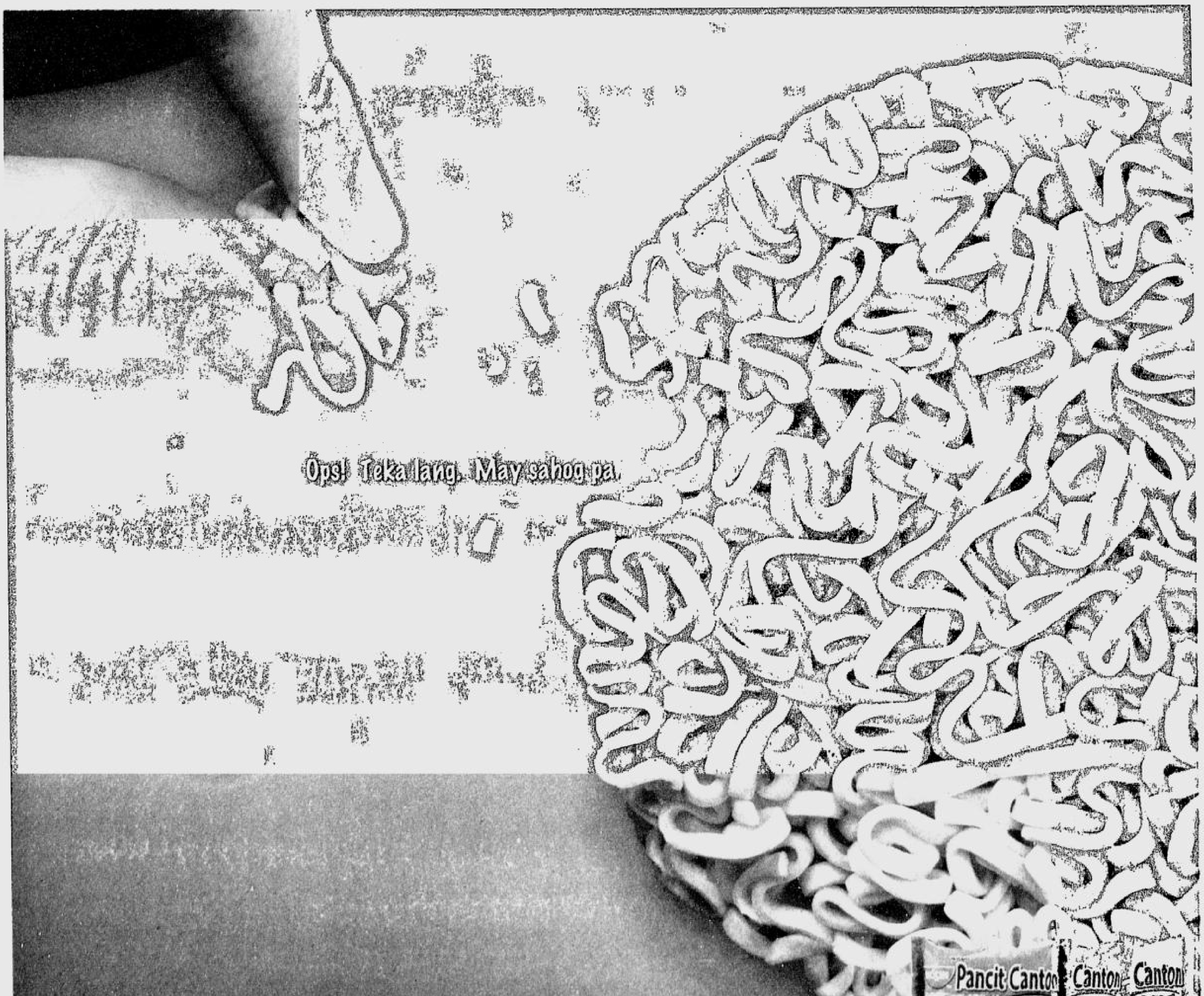
On a car trip south to Spain from Denmark, and then back up north, I began to keep a small illustrated journal of wayside memorials. A few minutes out of Hellimer in northern France, a slender wooden cross rose out of the grain, heads of ripe wheat woven with the flowers that decorated the crosspiece. In Zarautz in the Basque region of Spain, a cliff face had created a blind curve, and built into the rock was a plaque, looking exactly like the grave markers in Philippine cemeteries and inscribed with what must have been nine or 10 different names. A town or two away, in Usurbil, a rose bouquet and a marble marker sat on a low wall, the photograph of a young man laminated into the stone. And so on.

I spotted the eeriest markers in France. The first was on the road between Bourg and St. Paul-les-Romans: a black human silhouette standing about 1.6-m tall, with a red zigzag at the head, like running blood. As we drove north, parallel to the border of Switzerland, I





**BOUQUETS** mark the place where at least two people were killed, outside Belfort in northern France.



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# Europe

**HUMAN** silhouette marking site of fatal accident in the Rhone valley in France.

saw that they were part of some kind of government campaign, for the flat silhouettes—like targets on a firing range, like ghosts—were decorated with text at chest level. One said "48 ans"—no name, no details, just the age at which the person had died. Another, some kilometers later, on a twisting mountain road, said "44 dead in 10 years," in French.

The most poignant memorial on that trip was outside the little village of St. Thibaud de Coux, in the French Alps. It wasn't a cross, but an ancient-Egyptian ankh of blond wood, about one meter high, a rounded arch above the crosspiece instead of a single piece of timber. Something about this sign, maybe its New Age/Neil Gaiman trendiness, maybe the pink and white bouquet lashed to the arch, made me think the dead one might have been a young girl.

It was towards the end of our journey that I discovered the secret behind the freshness of the flowers: they were fake. Outside the town of Belfort, France, I begged my friend to stop the car so that I could photograph two bouquets mounted on opposite sides of the road. The site was lovely—in the midst of fragrant, freshly harvested fields.

## Sweet and ironic

Inside the car barreling down a highway at 130 kph, I had felt safe and hermetically sealed off; on the ground, my sense of vulnerability was heightened by the gusts from passing vehicles and the way the ground rumbled underfoot with the approach of each truck. It was a sweet and ironic place to die. I wondered if these two people, David and Carole, expiring meters apart, had perished in the same accident, and if they had been a couple, and if they had died far from home. Did their families drive by the spot often? It seemed those fabric lilies could last an eternity without replacement.

I was lucky in Belfort, for elsewhere it was impossible to photograph these memorials. They stood at points in the road where it was extremely dangerous to stop—a bridge, a curve, or a depression beyond which there was a blind rise. Outside the town of Poligny in the French Alps stood a cross with the letters LOIC on the arms. An abbreviated inscription in Latin? Or the initials of the dead? It was mounted on the concrete bank at the apex of a dangerous blind curve—rock face on one side, ravine on the other. The westerly sun shining through the foliage threw alternating splinters of light and shadow into our eyes, blinding us. It was easy to see how someone could lose control of his vehicle and smash himself up at that point.

> Each marker is a poignant evidence of how a life ended in a road accident

Of course, the markers serve a dual purpose: to provide the families of these crash fatalities a chance to honor their dead, and also to serve as a warning to other motorists that they are approaching a hazardous stretch. They are a wordless reminder to drive as carefully as possible 100 percent of the time.

## Debated

The fitness of such memorials has been much debated—especially in North America where the practice has also taken hold— on the ground that they can distract drivers or encourage curiosity-seekers to get out of their cars. This can lead to more accidents. In the United States and Northern Europe, where religious symbols on public land may cause offense to many people, simple black or white markers often stand in place of crosses. In parts of Denmark, billboards showing close-ups of wildflowers remind drivers that life is beautiful. Elsewhere, clever slogans warn against drunk driving or speeding.

On the motorways, we always seemed to be overtaken by motorcycles that wove like hornets in and out of the speeding cars. In Spain, we saw a cyclist lying on his back at an intersection, surrounded by solicitous motorists. His machine, like the hood of the car that had hit it, was all crumpled up. A rash of highway deaths takes place in the summer months of July and August, when vacationers travel cross-country. Cyclists, riding alone or pillion, are the most vulnerable.

The European motorways make no space for roadside markers: it is illegal to stop except at designated emergency areas, giving the bereaved no chance to plant a cross. But reminders of danger exist anyway—in the skid marks that end in a twisted guardrail, or a blackened spot on the asphalt where a car burned up.

On our drive back north, we stopped in Poligny for coffee, an incredibly strong brew served in a tiny cup, a jolt enough to keep us alert for hours. As we sat at an open-air café, an ambulance wailed past. Wild reggae music poured from loudspeakers, and masses of pink and scarlet flowers hung from iron lampposts in the square. Men and women in their 20s conversed excitedly at the next table, and two motorcyclists in the sleek all-leather outfits common in this part of the world donned their helmets and pulled out.

High up on the cliff face overlooking the town, visible from where we sat, was a wrought-iron wayfarer's cross. These are equally common in the landscape of Southern Europe, and even in parts of southern Germany, where many Catholics live. Made of stone or metal or weathered wood, some have been standing at intersections for centuries. They serve as talismans against the ancient evil which hounds travelers on lonely roads and blows in with the four winds. And in the present day, they serve as a reminder of the length, the extent and the potency of European religious faith.

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# All Saints' Day events

LOYOLA MEMORIAL PARKS and gardens is staging "Together in November," Oct. 30-Nov. 1, in Marikina. The one-of-a-kind event will feature bazaars, live entertainment and food booths. Several companies and retailers will participate in "Together in November." Adults can check out the bazaar at the Merchants Haven at the amphitheater while kids can try the different offerings at food booths located around the park. A Holy Mass will be followed by live performances of choirs and music ensembles. "Together in November" coincides with the opening of the park's Holy Trinity Ossuary at the Court of Resurrection designed by Andrew Laurel as a praying area where bones or ashes can be stored.

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## No tricks, just treats

Join "Tales of Treats at Serendra," 9 a.m.-6 p.m., today at Serendra Pavilion, 26th St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Those who come in Halloween costumes will get a bag of goodies. There will be booths where one can learn how to make cool masks and costumes. Serendra's fairy-tale characters will also hold storytelling sessions for kids. Call 8880000.

## Best costume contest Oct. 31

Retail giant Shopwise Hypermarket's branches are holding a Halloween costume competition. Open to all Shopwise shoppers, registration is open until 11 p.m., Oct. 30. Registration forms are available at the customer service stations of participating branches.

The contest, open to kids 3-10 years old, will be held 4 p.m., Oct. 31. Contestants can join either the "Fantaserye" Fantasy Movie category or "Toy Story" category.

Winners in each branch will get gift certificates.

## 'Mystic Halloween' special

Dusit Hotel Nikko offers "Mystic Halloween," a special room package for only P4,000 net per night for a Deluxe Room and P6,500 net per night for an Executive Suite.

The package includes breakfast for two at The Café and 20 percent food and beverage discount in all outlets. A guest in a Deluxe Room will receive two complimentary access coupons, while a guest in an Executive Suite will get three access coupons so their kids can experience the exciting activities of "Mystic Halloween" 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 29.

The offer is valid Oct. 27-Nov. 06. Call 8673333.

## 'Legendary' Halloween

Discovery Suites presents "The Legend of Hallow Suites," from 3 p.m., Oct. 28, 42/F Columbus room.

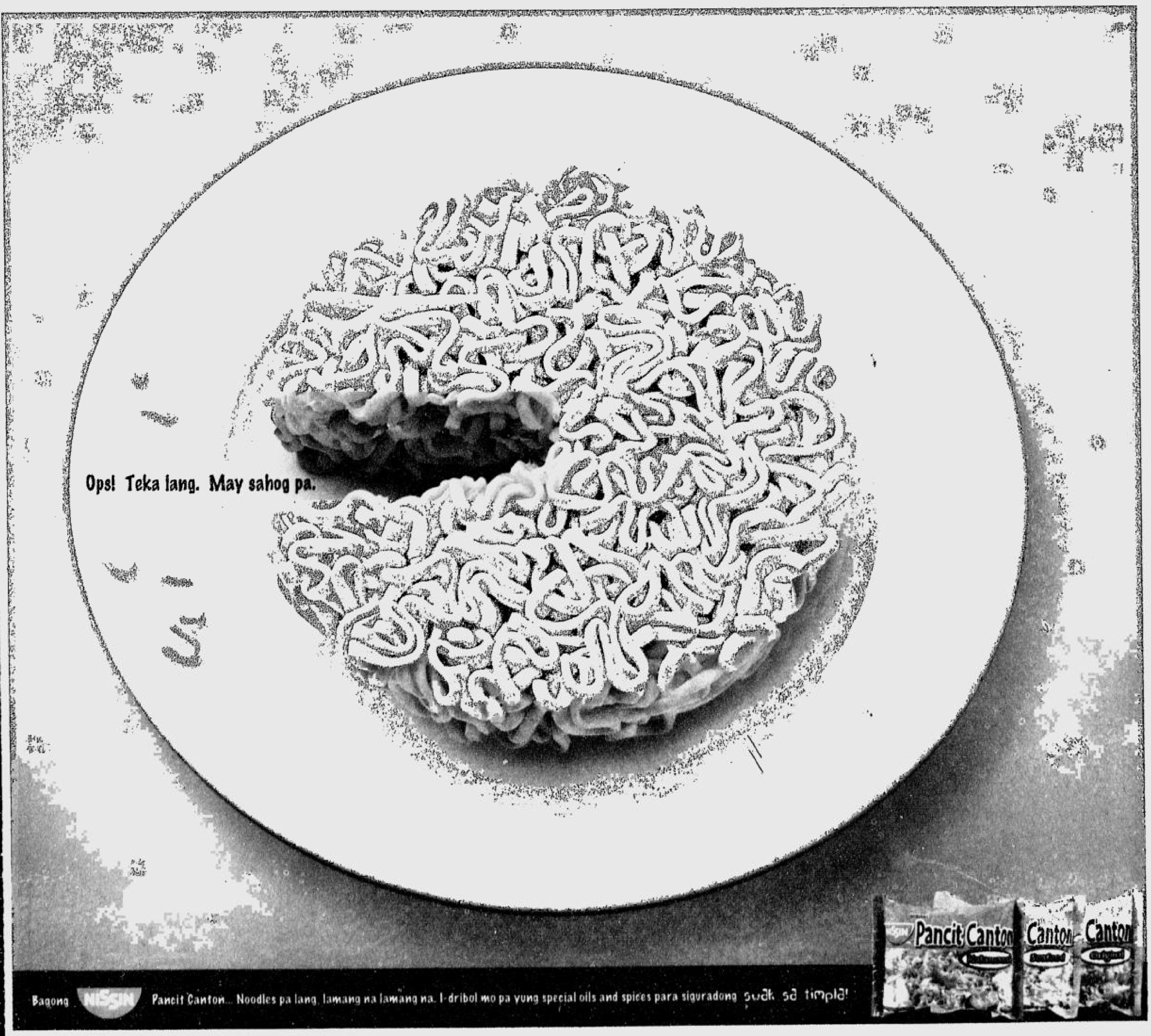
The event is made possible by Witch Magazine, San Miguel Corporation, Kiddie-party.com, Comfoods, Lover Chips, Enchanted Kingdom and Hallmark. Featured are food carts, mascots and other surprises. Admission is P300 for child or adult. Complimentary pass will be given to the first 50 Urban Tykes members who will register. Call 6352222 or 6838222.

## Bewitching treat

The Bistro Group of Restaurants—T.G.I. Friday's, Italianni's, Outback and Fish & Co.—treats kids to bewitching food from 11 a.m. until closing time on Oct. 31. Kids should don their best costumes and bring their parents and other grown-up tricksters to sample Outback's beef menu, Italianni's pasta, Fish & Co.'s seafood fare and Friday's chicken dishes, plus a variety of desserts.

Two kids in costumes per table get a free Halloween fare.

They may dress up as warlocks, fairies, ghosts, cartoon characters, monsters or movie stars.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# Things to do before hitting the road

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alarms. These devices are also available at Handyman stores and may be installed for you in a jiffy. Better yet, invite your mother-in-law to stay in your home while the entire family is gone.

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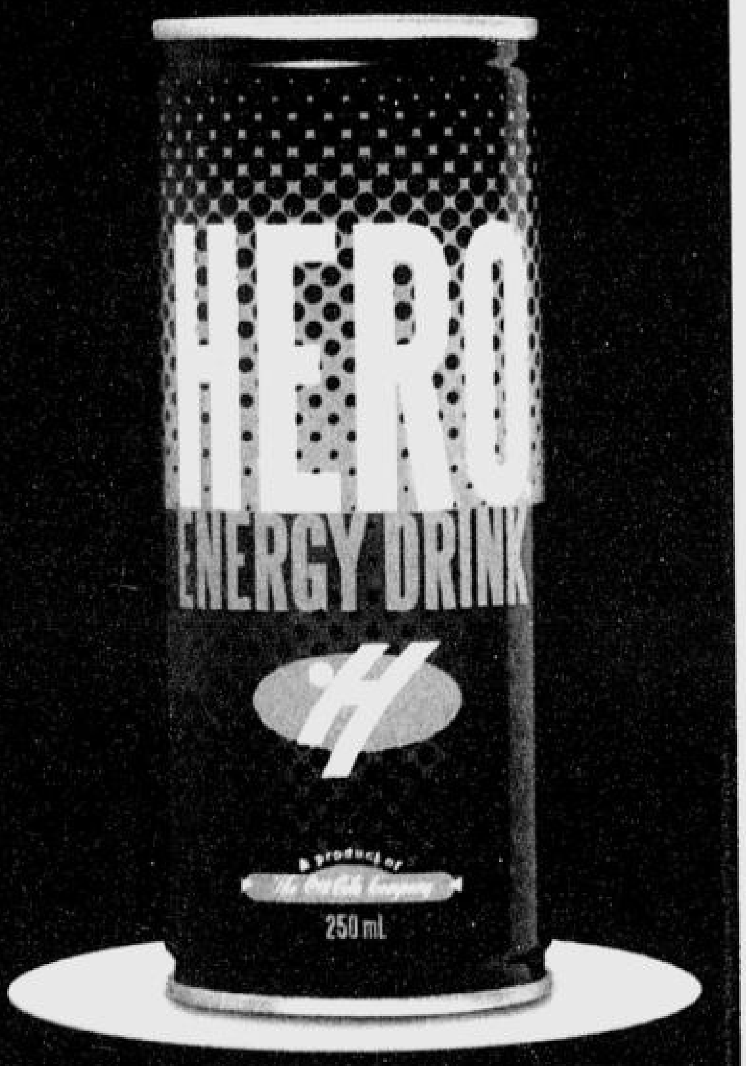
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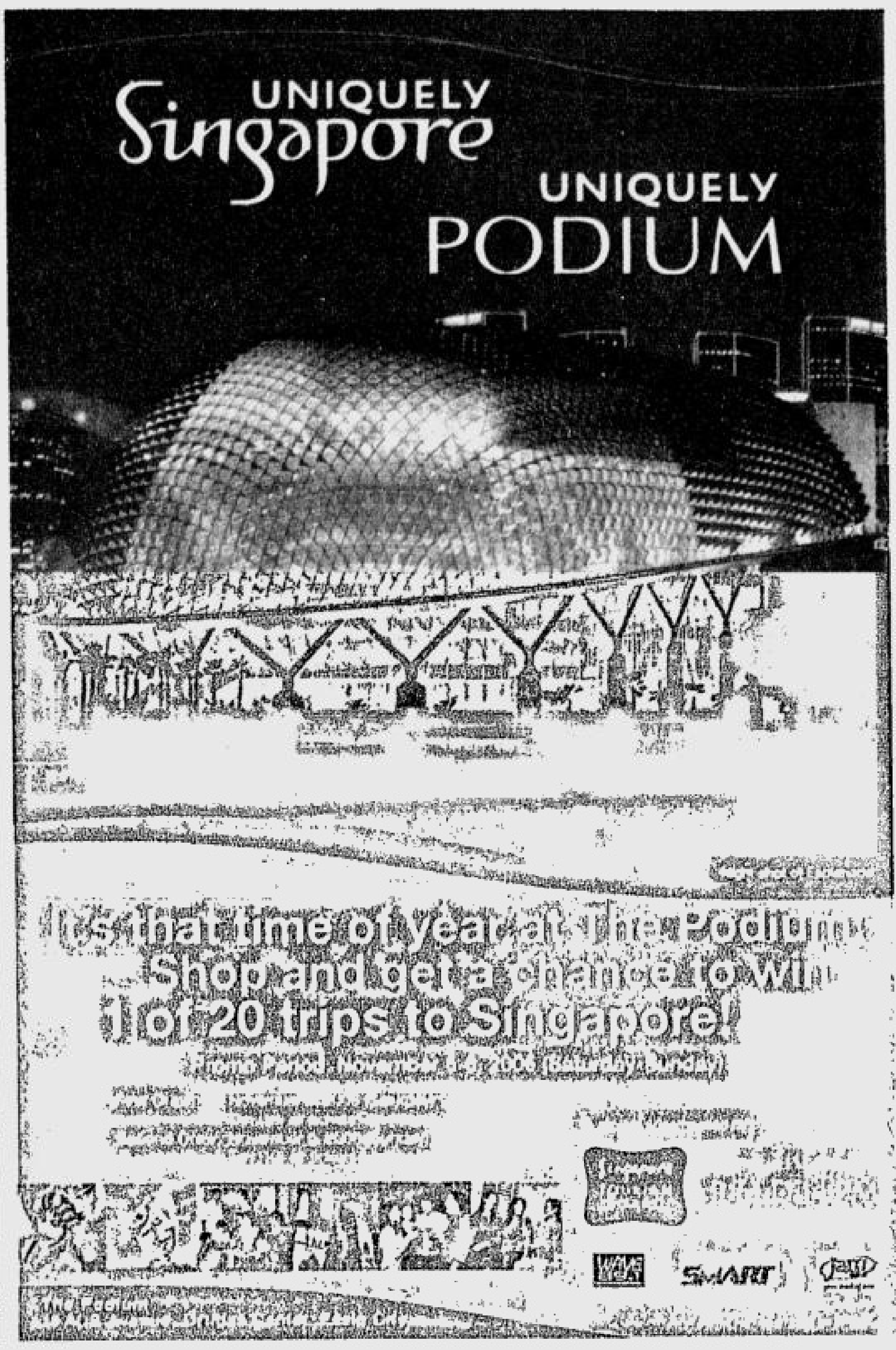
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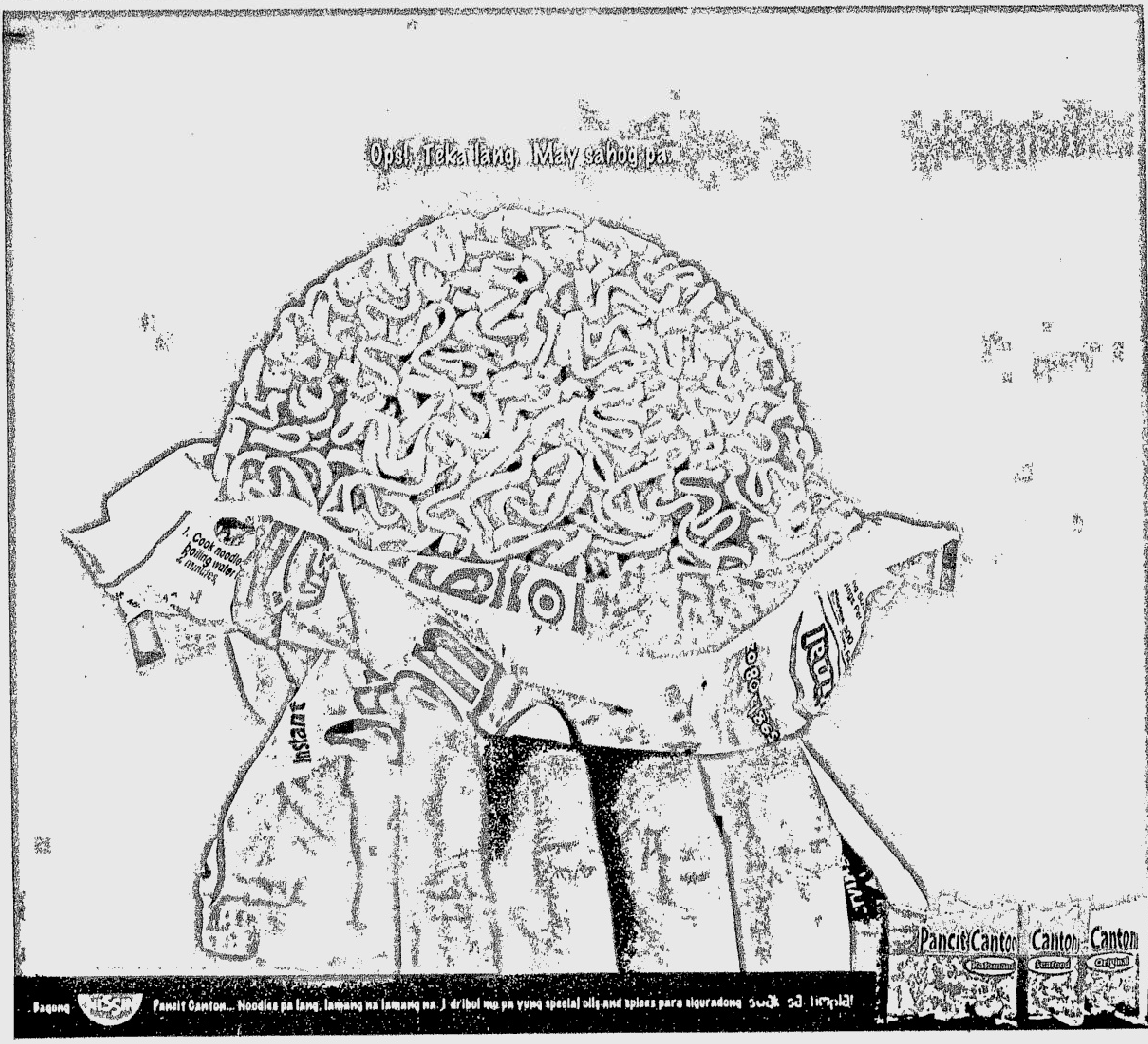
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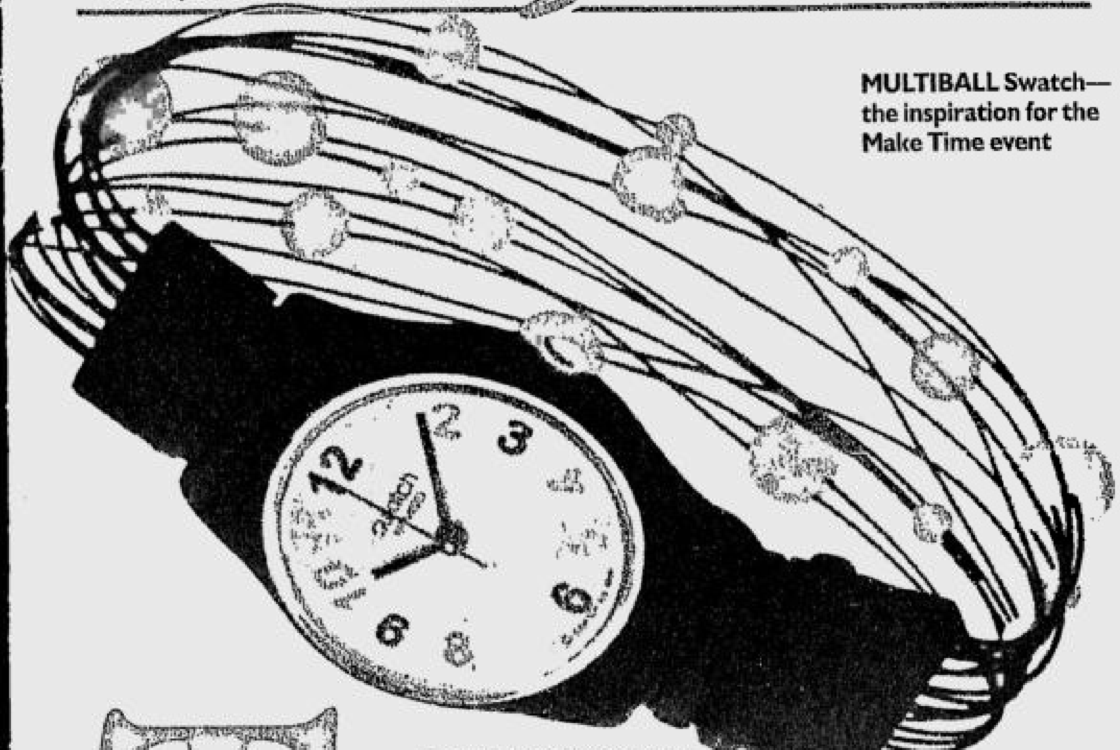

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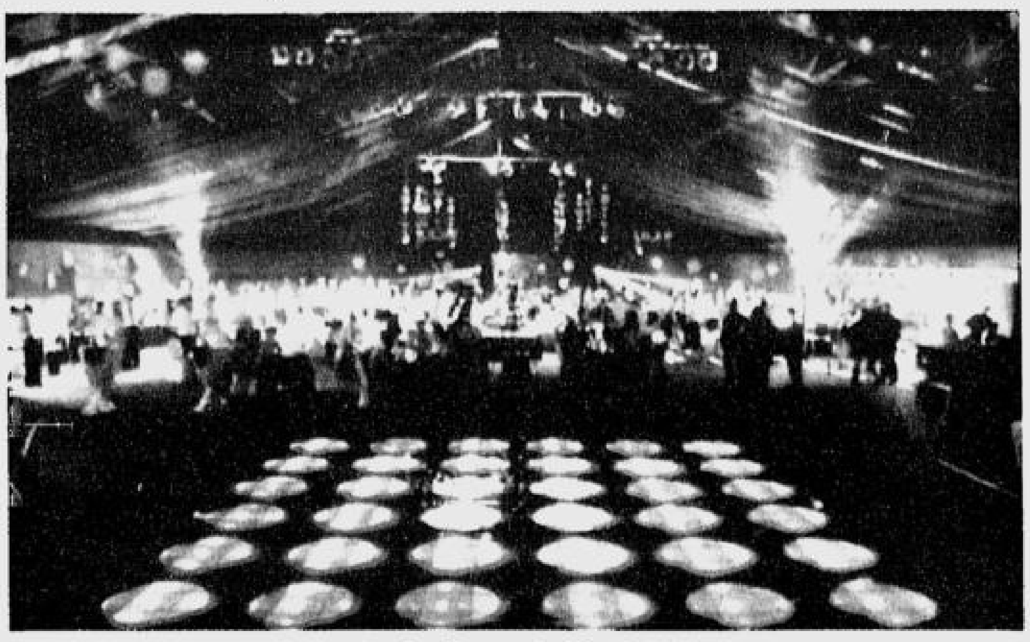

FESTIVE bayside venue Harbor Garden Tent at the Westin Philippine Plaza, the only resort hotel in Metro Manila

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# Time to party

**What:**
Make Time Party
**Who:**
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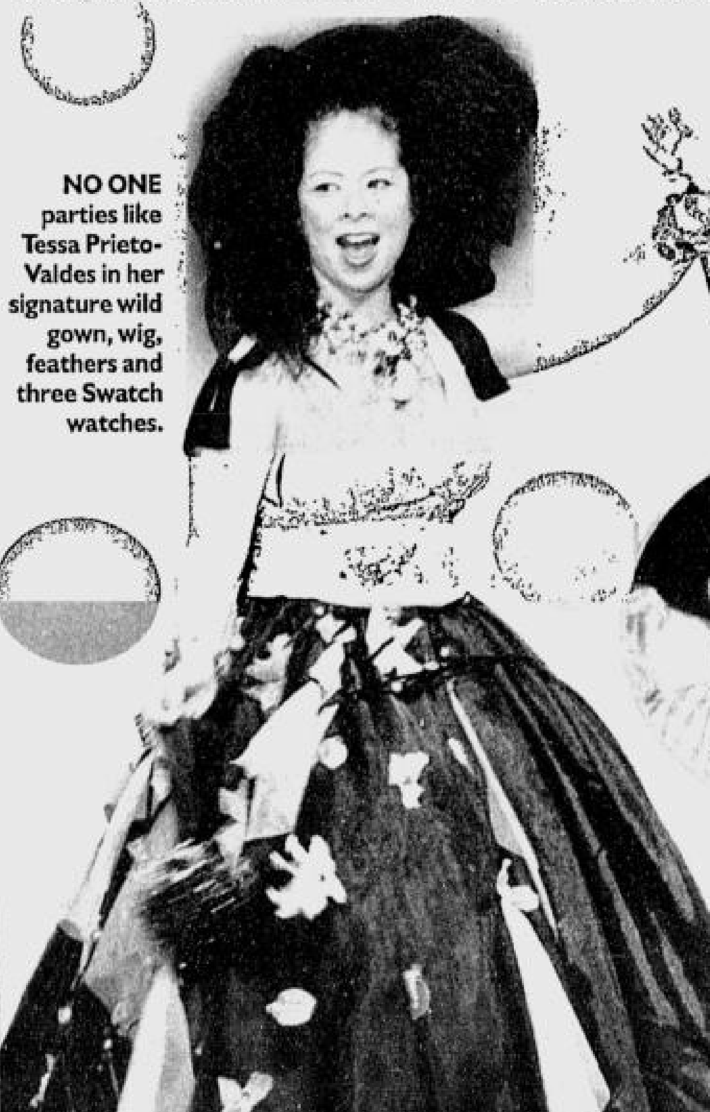
**Where:**
Westin Philippine Plaza
**When:**
Wednesday, Oct. 26
**Why:**
You have to make time to party!

"WE WERE CHEATED!" exclaimed one participant. In jest, of course! Even as Team American Express proved victorious in the Make Time Adventure Race, the teams of Gift Gate, Prestige Cars BMW and Westin Philippine Plaza were in such high-spirits there was no way they could be called losers.

In fact, everyone who made time to attend the highly anticipated Make Time event at the

MR. DJ. Fashion designer Rhett Eala shows his other talent as he deejays into the night.

TIME to make a hearty toast: Hosts Pia Guanio and Tim Yap, Westin's Rose Libongco and Paolo Campillo, Gift Gate's Virgie Ramos and American Express President Ian Fish



NO ONE parties like Tessa Prieto-Valdes in her signature wild gown, wig, feathers and three Swatch watches.

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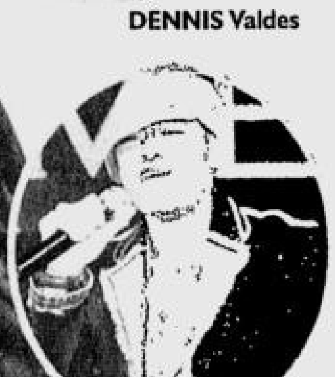

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A BMW Z4 convertible no less rolls into the party tent with Matteo Guidicelli at the wheel.

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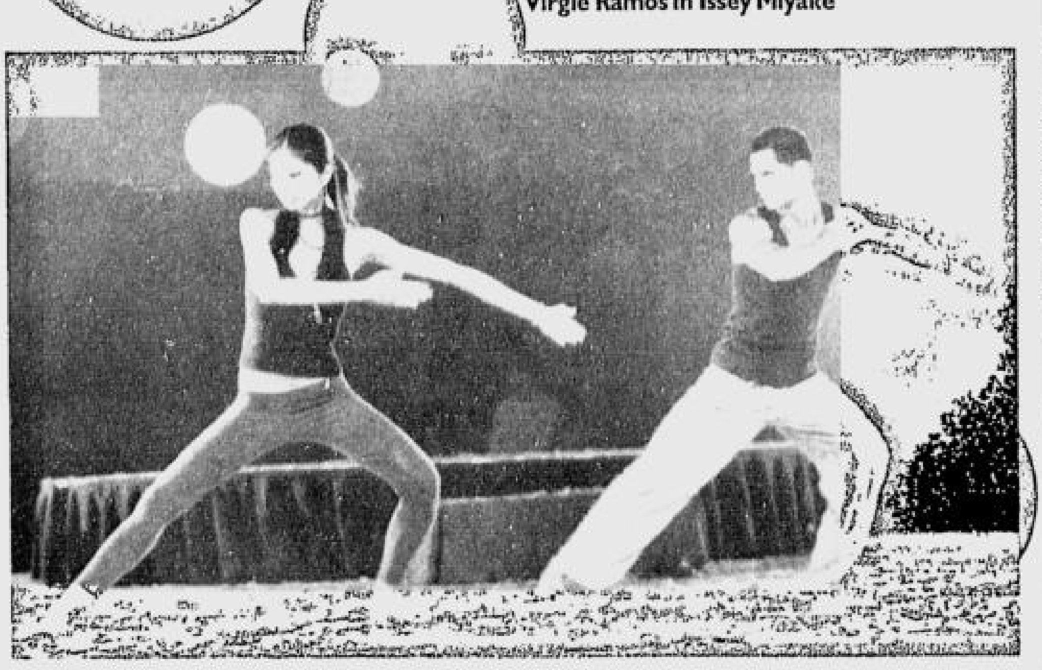
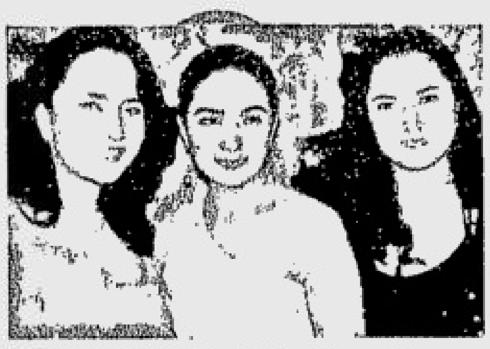
SWEETS galore



MODELS and yoga enthusiasts Raya Mananquil and Corey Wills



LIEZL MARTINEZ with daughters Alyssa and Alyanna

FASHIONISTAS Fabio Ceccarelli and Joyce Oreña

TEAM American Express conquers the Make Time Adventure Race.

RACHEL Alejandro

Westin Philippine Plaza's Harbor Garden Tent left a winner, having been part of a fun-filled night of endless food and drinks, sizzling star performances and high fashion.

It was amazing how there was enough time for all that took place. A mock talk show hosted by Tim Yap and Pia Guanio shared how important personalities "make time" in their busy lives. Actor Albert Martinez, TV host Patty Laurel, People Asia magazine editor Joanne Rae Ramirez, travel industry insiders Rita Dy of Singapore Airlines, Madrino Bok Muñoz of Northwest Airlines, Baron Travel president Marilen Sandejas-Yaptangco, and Australian-New Zealand Association president Megan Douglas talked about what was deserving of the seconds, minutes, hours, days and so on in their lives.

The unique force of the Swatch Flash Mob put on a visually stimulating display of how they make time with brilliant watches from the Swatch Fall Winter 2005 Collection.

Philippine Karter of the Year Matteo Guidicelli had the sexiest entrance of them all, arriving in a black BMW Z4 convertible. He swung by lucky gal Regina Belmonte, looking pretty in a flaming orange Rhett Eala dress and the Multiball Swatch, which served as the inspiration for the theme of the party.

Donning equally flexible and sexy Swatch Skin watches, models Raya Mananquil and Corey Wills demonstrated their yoga prowess. Joyce Oreña with her boyfriend, Fabio Ceccarelli, showed off their cool fashionable European lifestyle wearing Swatch Skin Enlacement and Swatch Touch, respectively. KC Montero and Geneva Cruz along with her son, Heaven, brought the house down by performing a rap number.

Anton San Diego, always a gentleman, appeared in a tux and a Petite Seconde from the new Swatch Irony collection.

Tessa Prieto-Valdes capped the show and proved why she is always the life of the party in another one of her signature colorful, eye-catching gowns complete with wig, feathers, and not only one but three watches: a Violet Delight Pop Swatch, Aquastone Swatch Skin, and an exclusive Swatch sold only in Via dela Spiga, Milan.

RnB performers Jay-R and Vina Morales kept the dance floor jumping, then fashion designer Rhett Eala deejayed the night away and had the crowd wanting more—you guessed it!—time to party. *IJF*

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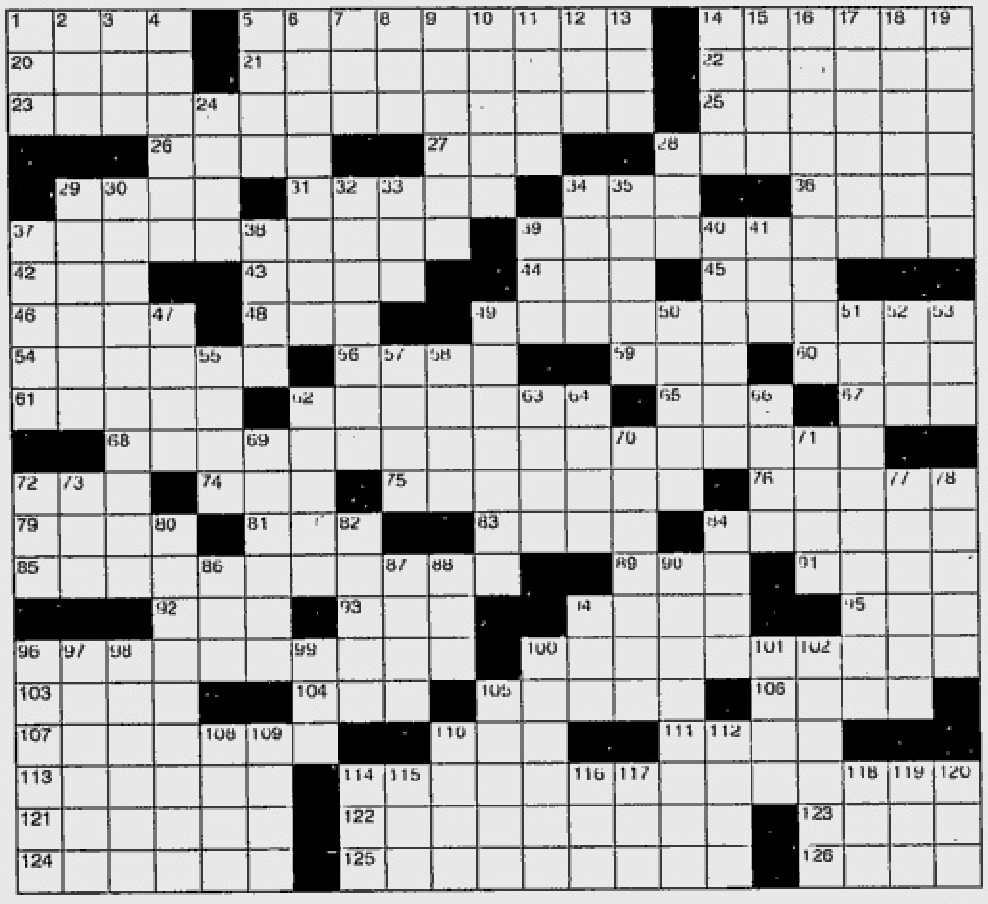

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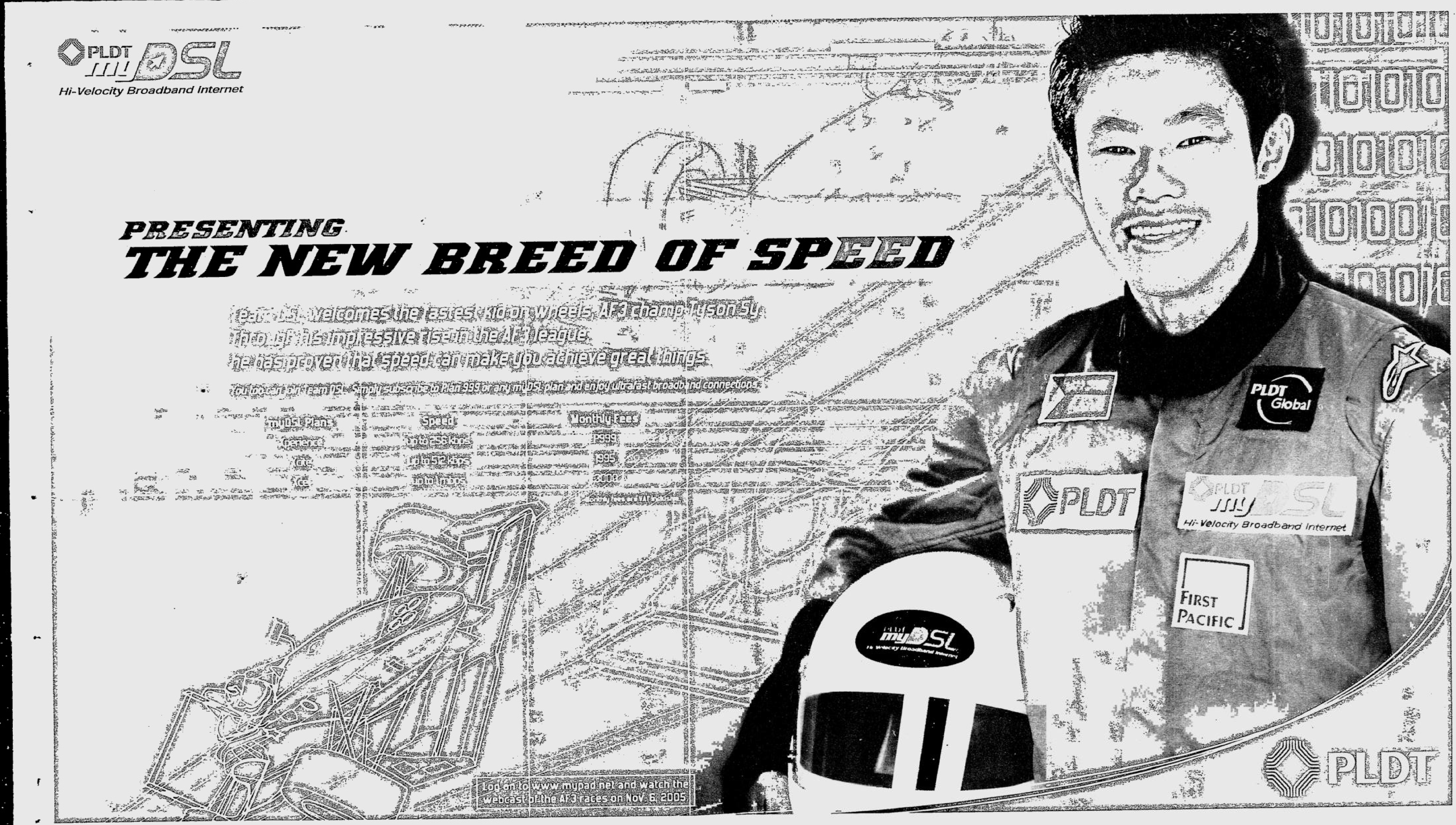

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## JOSE-DE UNGRIA

Lawyer **Jose Manguera Jose**, eldest son of engineer **Silverio** and **Alma Jose**, recently married Dr. **Maria Corazon Abogado de Ungria**, at the Sacred Heart Parish, Kamuning, QC. Fr. **Sonny Ramirez** officiated the wedding. Reception was held at the Hotel Rembrandt Grand Ballroom. The bride's gown was made by **Jontie Martinez** of Galatea. Jose is the managing partner of Jose and Duremdes Law Offices while De Ungria is the head of the DNA Analysis Laboratory, Natural Sciences Research Institute, University of the Philippines, Diliman.

## TASARRA-CEA

**James Bayta Tasarra**, son of **Jaime** and **Leonila Tasarra**, will marry **Ma. Nelia Caunan Cea**, daughter of **Paul** and **Nelia Cea**, on Jan. 5, 2006, at the Shrine of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, Pasay City.

## DIZON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. **Jose Dizon** recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a thanksgiving Mass-dinner at the Treasure Island Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, US.

## NICOLAS-DE JESUS

US Navy serviceman **Nover Nicolas**, son of **Jorge Nicolas** and **Arsenia Lino**, will marry **Arlene de Jesus**, daughter of the late **Jaime de Jesus** and **Mely Mallari**, on Nov. 6, at Plaza Ibarra along Timog Avenue, QC. **Alec Santos** of Events Plus coordinated the wedding. The bride will wear a one-piece off-shoulder gown in ivory-white gazar silk with a semi-bouffant skirt completing the sophisticated princess-cut silhouette.

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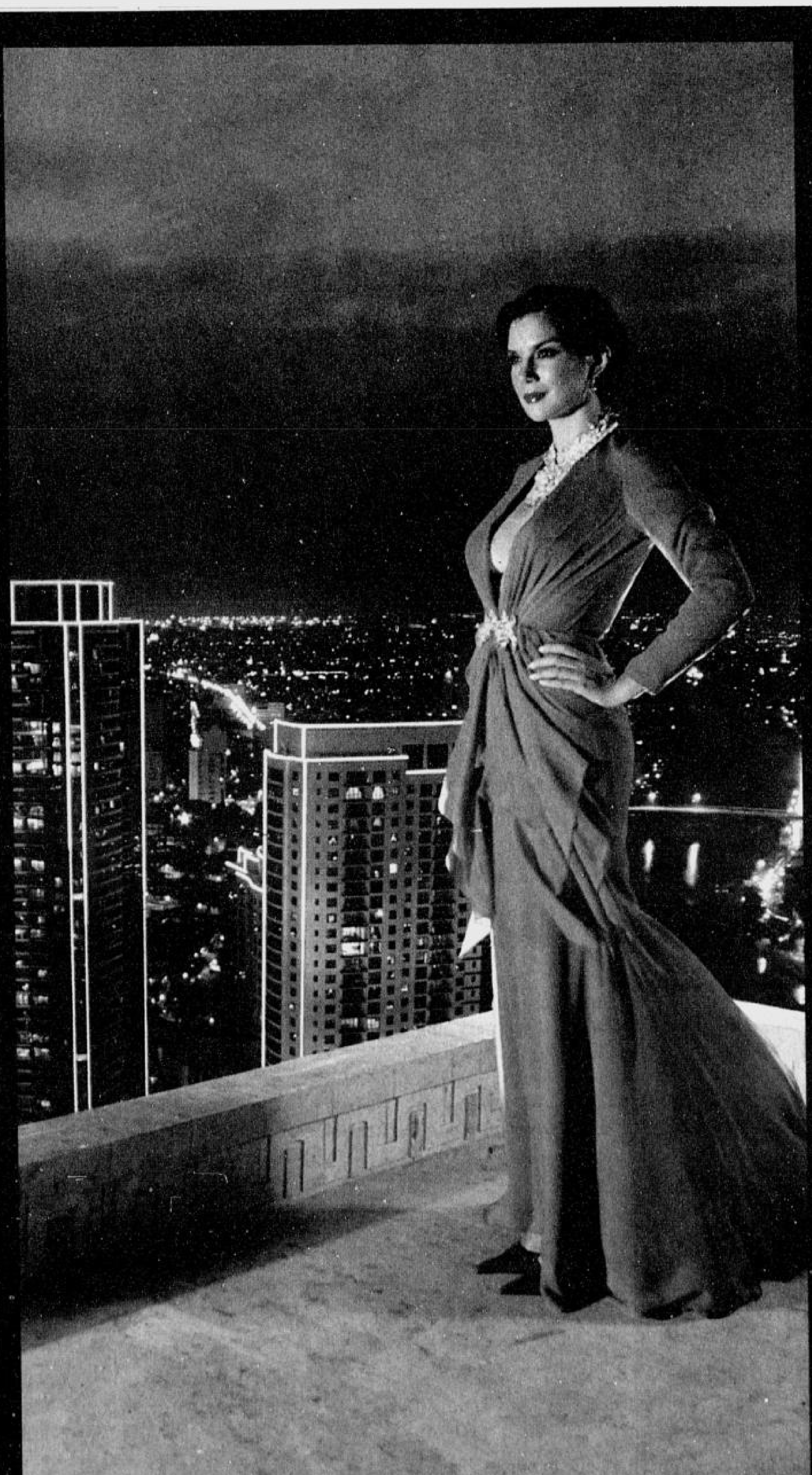

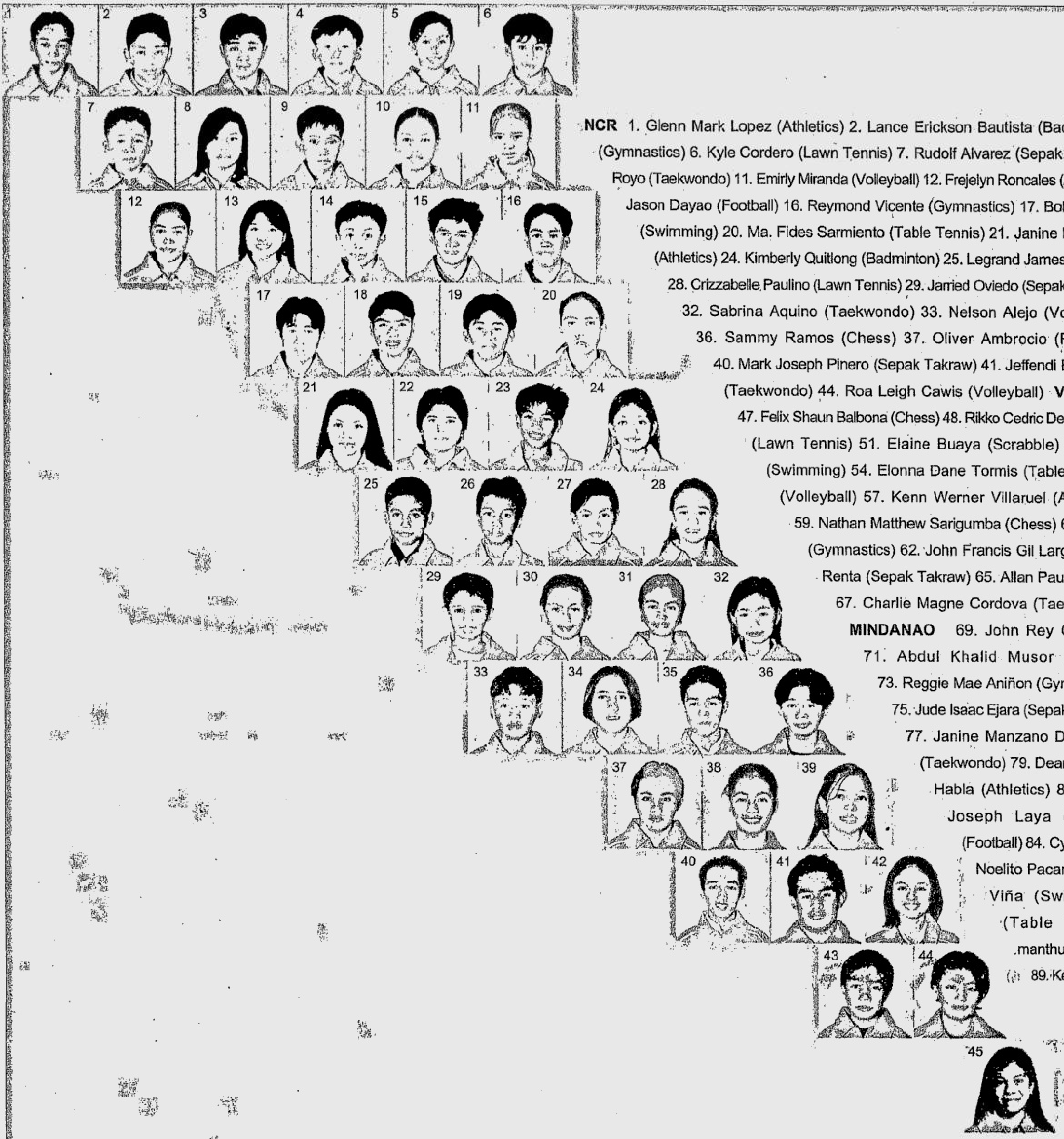

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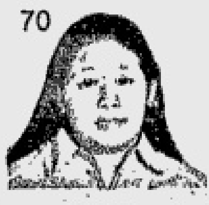
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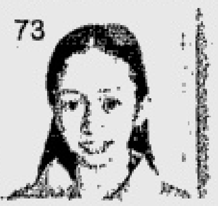
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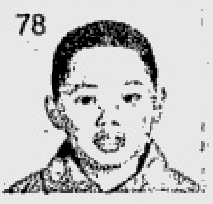
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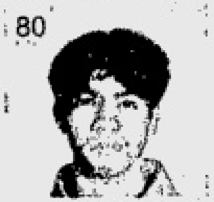
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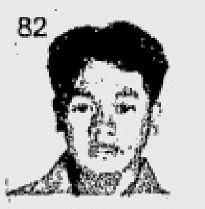
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# In-laws control her life

**EMILY'S POST**

*Emily A. Marcelo*

DEAR EMILY,

I'm having some problems with my marriage. I feel I am just watching my life happen and I can't do anything about it.

My husband and I have lived with his parents since we got married. He was in college then and I had just finished my course. We had a plan. I would look for a job after giving birth and he would continue his studies. His parents were kind and generous and they supported us all the way.

I was so overwhelmed by my parents-in-law's kindness that I followed everything they said. That's how the problem started. They got so used to my obedience they ran my life. I never got a job and all the things I wanted to do, even how to raise my kids, had to have their approval.

Although my husband has a job, we couldn't move out of their house because it would be too expensive for us.

My husband is very supportive of my plans but he did not help me talk to his parents about them. Every time I mentioned my plans, my mother-in-law in particular would discourage me. Then, she'd turn cold and wouldn't speak to me. She's a career woman herself and I thought she would be sympathetic.

I know I should be thankful for their support but what about my needs? My goals? My mother-in-law said I should have thought of a career before I got married. Since when did marriage hinder a person's career? Balancing career and family takes some effort. I want to prove to them I can do it. But I need their support and I want them to respect my decision. How can I do this without hurting their feelings and looking like an ingrate?

As if my in-law problems were not enough, after seven years my husband had become cold to me. I'd been a good wife and mother, supportive of his work and everything he did. I followed his order and respected his family.

Now he spends most of his time at work, if he is not out drinking with friends. When he comes home, I can't talk to him without him getting irritated. Worse, he refuses to make love to me. When I approach him, he becomes irritated and says he is tired. We don't sleep on the same bed.

I know marriage is more than sex, but isn't it a big part of it? I have my needs, too. He always jokes that I look different from when I was younger. Every time he says this, I feel ugly, unwanted and unloved.

HEATHER

I can see that you are between a rock and a hard place. You can only make a firm stand on fulfilling your ambitions if your husband stands.

But first things first. Before you proclaim to the world that you want a career, scan the employment scene and see if there is something for you out there. Do you still have the qualifications for a job? The needs of companies may now be too high-tech or complicated for you.

Don't announce you want a career before testing the waters. You might end up with egg on your face! Saying it and doing it are apples and oranges. They're not the same.

But don't be discouraged. If the employment scene looks bleak, then get some training. Ask friends and former classmates with good jobs. Remember, you've never worked, so you might have to start from the bottom. Will you be able to accept it? Most of all, will you be able to handle the nerve-wracking comments you'll likely hear?

As for this issue with your husband, didn't you say everything had to pass through your in-laws before he or you could make any decision? He had bypassed you for so long that you'd lost your importance in his mind, in his life. You'd become part of the furniture. Who in his right mind gets excited to see a furniture inside the house?

You'd lost your clout from the moment you let other people make decisions for you and your husband. He hadn't seen your worth or how your mind worked in seven years, and that blurred your importance in his psyche.

He sees you, but he is not seeing you. That's why he says you look different now from when you were young.

You said you couldn't afford to live on your own. Some people would rather live in a hovel than trade freedom for comfort. You made your choices. You chose comfort over independence. It doesn't feel very comfortable now, does it? You have to live with the consequences of the trade-offs you made!

But you can still run your life. List your problems, your plans and everything you want your husband to know. Discuss them with him. Talk to him quietly, reasonably and firmly. Make him realize he didn't make a mistake in marrying you. Transform yourself from a meek housewife to someone with a mind of her own.

Also, make yourself beautiful—for yourself. Nothing boosts confidence as much as seeing a pretty image of yourself in the mirror. And you don't have to spend money to achieve this. Don't expect your husband to give you your self-respect or pride. He can help, but the change has to come from inside you. You attracted him once. You do it again. If it is not too late, that is.

Your husband may be making his own wish list—and you're not in it.

Whatever your plans are, do them now. Do them soon. Nothing is too late.

*E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to Inquirer. Listen to Ms Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday on dwBR 104.3 FM.*

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# Niño Jesus group is 26

**PURELY PERSONAL**

*Josephine Darang*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Congregacion del Santissimo Nombre del Niño Jesus that turns 26 this year.

The group, which had 12 founding members and had its first procession of Sto. Niño images in 1979, was an offshoot of the Sto. Niño group of Malolos.

Founders included Ben Farrales; Rey Bautista; Willie Buhay; Gang Gomez, now Don Martin de Jesus, OSB; Bobby Valdomar; Nolie Hans; Efren de Jose; and Sonny Viana. Rey Gutierrez, Leo Limpo and Manny Punzalan, the other three founders, had passed on.

Congregacion was formally established on Oct. 27, 1979, with the guidance of Carmelite nuns and the blessings of the late Jaime Cardinal Sin. The cardinal appointed Auxiliary Bishop Teodoro Buhain as the group's spiritual director.

The group takes care of the beautiful rococo baroque chapel at the Violago Compound in Quezon City where the "Nombre"—Sto. Niño patron of the group—is enthroned. Also in the chapel are a replica of the Infant Jesus of Prague, given by the Carmelite Fathers of Prague, and Our Lady of Victories.

This year will be a transition period for the Congregacion as it will be attached to the future shrine of the Divine Word (formerly the chapel of the Christ the King Seminary) being formed under the care of Fr. Freddie Sabado, SVD.

Two new Congregacion members will be inducted during the 6 p.m. Mass at the Violago Chapel, bringing the group's membership to 27. The current president is Ogie Atos.

## Holy Rosary shrine

The letter of Monica Espinosa, church volunteer in San Jose Parish, Iloilo City, comes at this time when we are celebrating Rosary Month. San Jose Parish in Plaza Libertad wants to build a shrine for Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Fort San Pedro where the image of the Virgin was found in 1616 during the invasion of the Dutch forces.

The image has been preserved although, in 1970, Fr. Ambrosio Galindez, OSA, had a life-size statue of Our Lady installed at the very place where she miraculously intervened for our people.

San Jose Parish will celebrate the 360th anniversary of the discovery of the image on Sept. 30, 2006. Fr. Roy Margallo, OSA, is appealing for financial support for the building of the shrine. Text 0921-2977504 or call (033)3361995 or e-mail sanpedroparishiloilo@yahoo.com.

All Saturdays of the year are dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. At 5 am, a procession makes its way to the apparition site where Holy Mass is said at 6 am.

## Masses

Msgr. Josefino Ramirez will officiate at the concelebrated Mass for Holy Souls 10 a.m., Nov. 2, at the Basilica Minore of the Black Nazarene (Quiapo Church).

Prayer Warriors of the Holy Souls will have a recollection 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 5, at the Worship Hall of the Spirit of Love Catholic Community at the Manila Seedling Bank. Fr. Richie Santos, SDB, is recollection master. The public is invited. Registration fee is P100 (for lunch, snack and handouts). Confirm attendance though 5312157 or text 0918-9290603.

## 'Living canopy'

The Manila Archdiocesan Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church (MACC), with the Archdiocesan Archives and the Archdiocese of Manila Museum, has produced "Living Canopy," an interactive CD-ROM on the birth and growth of the Manila archdiocese and its role in Philippine history. The Most Reverend Gaudencio B. Rosales, archbishop of Manila, launched this first-of-a-kind interactive CD-ROM.

The chair of MACC, Fr. Gabriel Casal, who worked with Dr. Miguel Rapatan, department head of the De la Salle University Center for Multimedia, and Joji Ravina of Media Motions Production, exclaimed joyfully: "It is admirable that the Living Canopy manages to include so much previously unpublished material."

People will definitely enjoy navigating through the wealth of material reflecting the complex role of the Manila archdiocese and its prominent place in Philippine history. The archdiocese hopes "Living Canopy," speaking in the contemporary idiom of the youth, will instill in them an appreciation of their Christian heritage in the Philippines.

## Family Rosary crusade

An interesting letter was passed on to me by INQUIRER chair Marixi Prieto, who received it from Sister Teresa of Jesus and Mary (formerly Josefina Constantino) who is 80 years old.

Despite her age, Sister Teresa is very active in bringing to our attention some important things, in this instance, the need to watch the Family Crusade Program on television.

The schedule is: 8-9 a.m., Saturday, Studio 23; 6-8 a.m., 6-8 p.m., Monday-Sunday, CCTN 47 (Cebu); 6-7 a.m., Tuesday/Thursday, RPN 9; 12 noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday, ABC 5; 9 a.m., 3 Minutes with Fr. Reuter. For more information, call 5216953/5242779.

## Milestones

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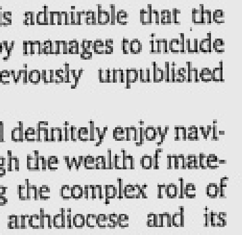
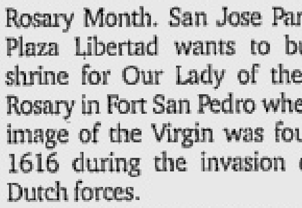


**Madelaine Mae Tan**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Remie Richard Tan**, celebrated her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance party on Oct. 1 at the Luzon Ballroom of the Westin Philippine Plaza. A sophomore AB Psychology student at De La Salle University, the debutante wore a gown by Edward Teng. The guests were entertained with songs from the Sugarfree band. Photography by **Ralph Alejandrino**.



DEL ROSARIO DEBUT

**Kathleen Camille del Rosario**, daughter of **Ismael** and **Vilma del Rosario**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Oct. 29 at the Casa Milan Clubhouse, Neopolitan Subd., QC. A protege of the Center for Pop Music Phils., KC is presently taking up nutrition and dietetics at University of Santo Tomas in Manila.

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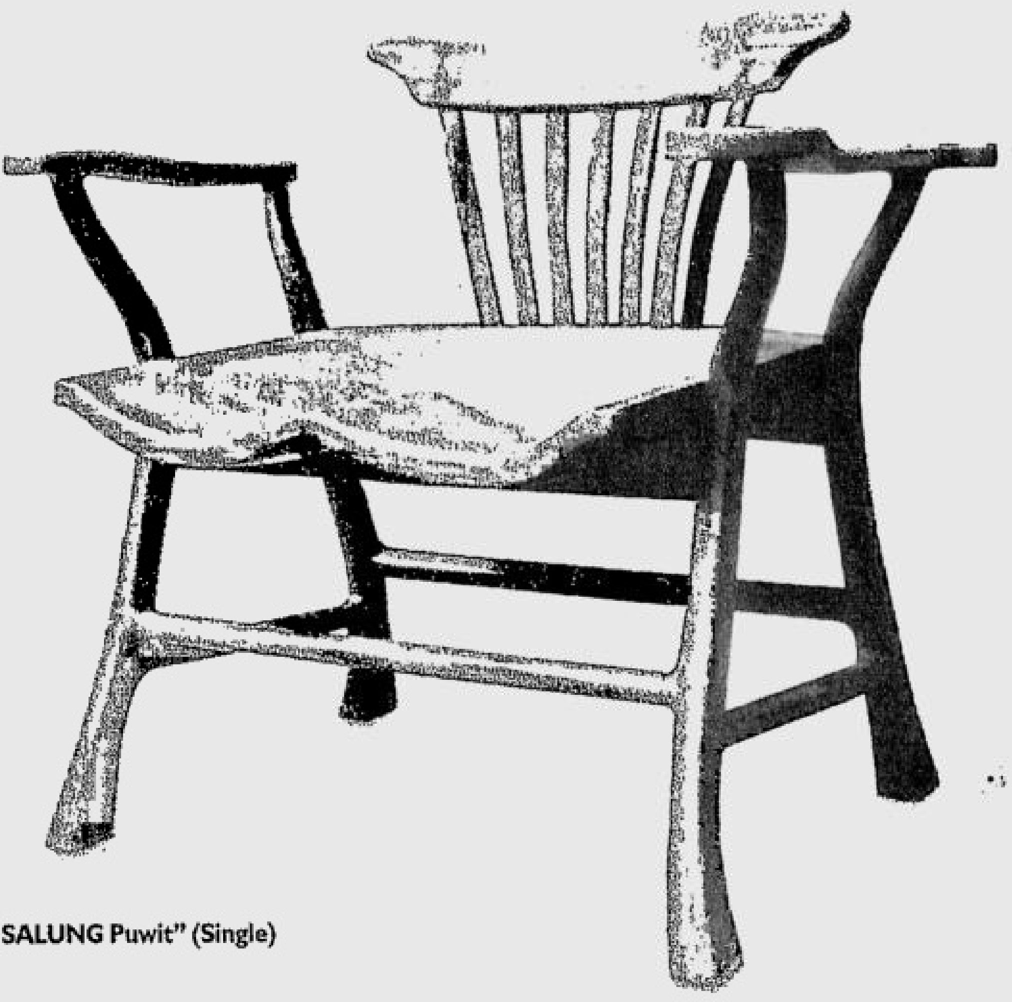

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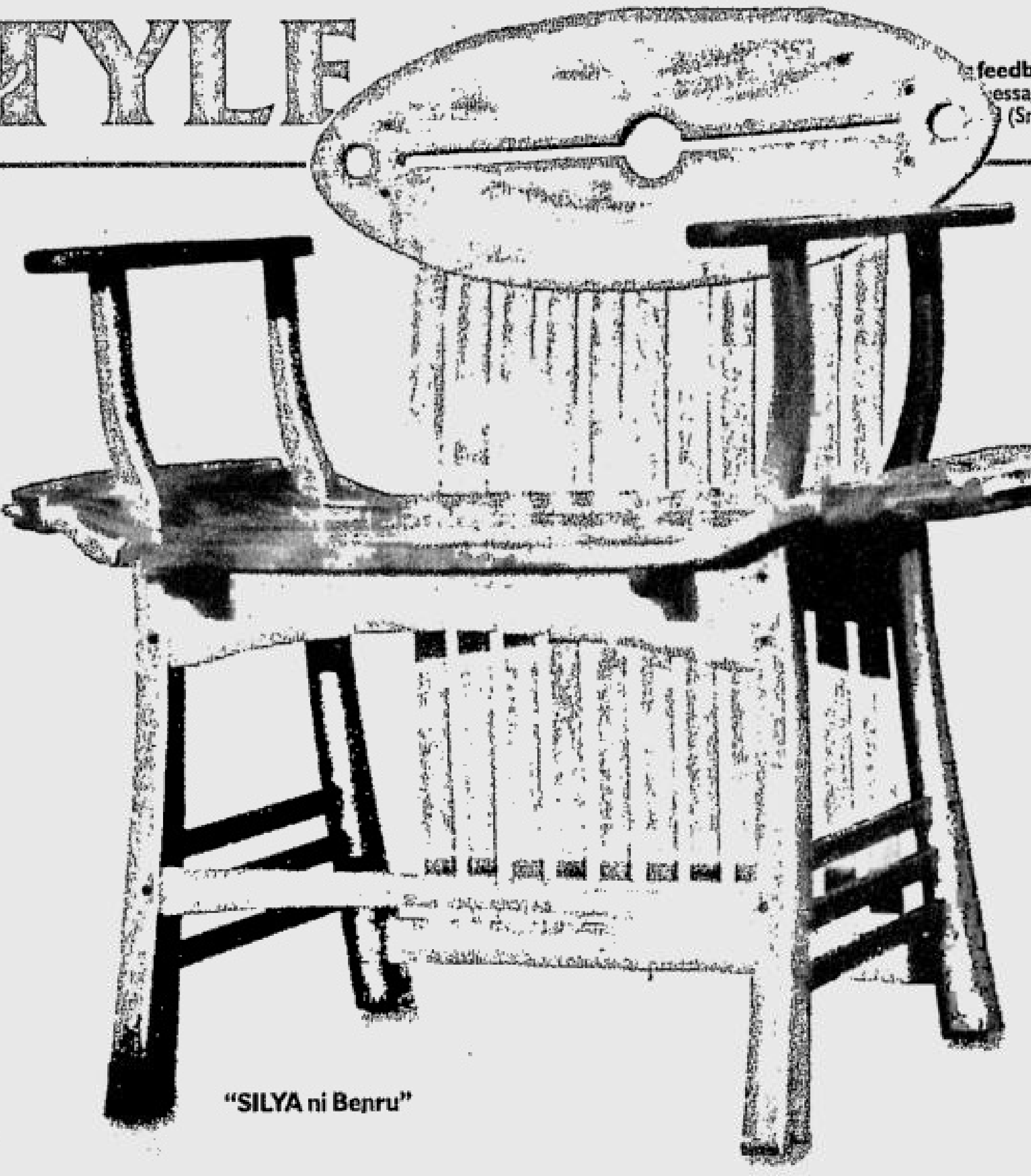

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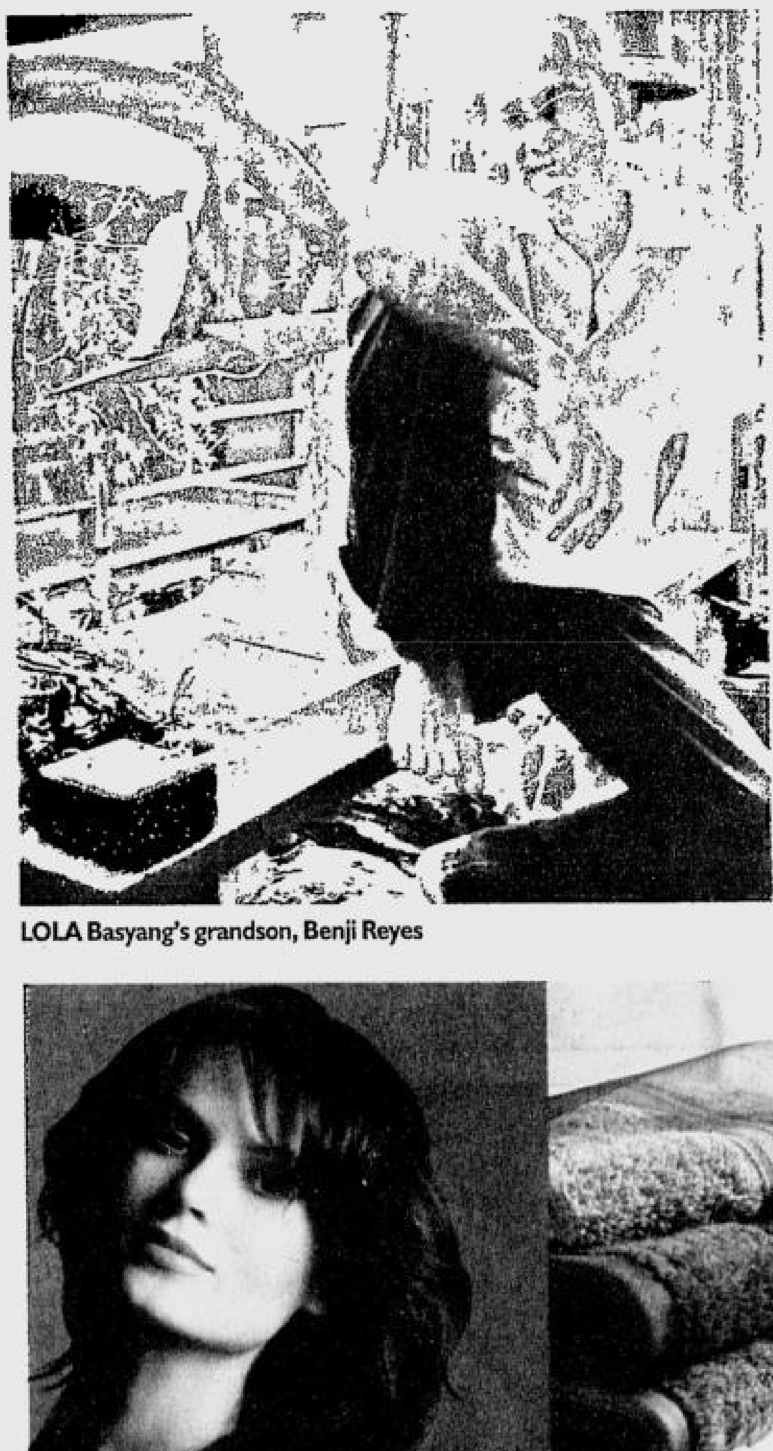


LOLA Basyang's grandson, Benji Reyes

WITH THE FILIPINO artist's true brown soul, "carpenter" Benji Reyes has immortalized in wood some of the country's legendary fictional characters.

He has also marked milestones in his own life with his chair designs.

Though Reyes calls himself a carpenter or at most a craftsman of wood, his admirers regard him as an artist.

His creations are pieces that may be passed on from one generation to another, a potential heirloom in design and craftsmanship.

**Lola Basyang**, the high-back rattan chair popular with beach-front hotels in the '70s and usually reserved for beauty queens, gets an updating. The chair was named after Reyes' great grandfather, Lola Basyang's alter ego Severino Reyes.

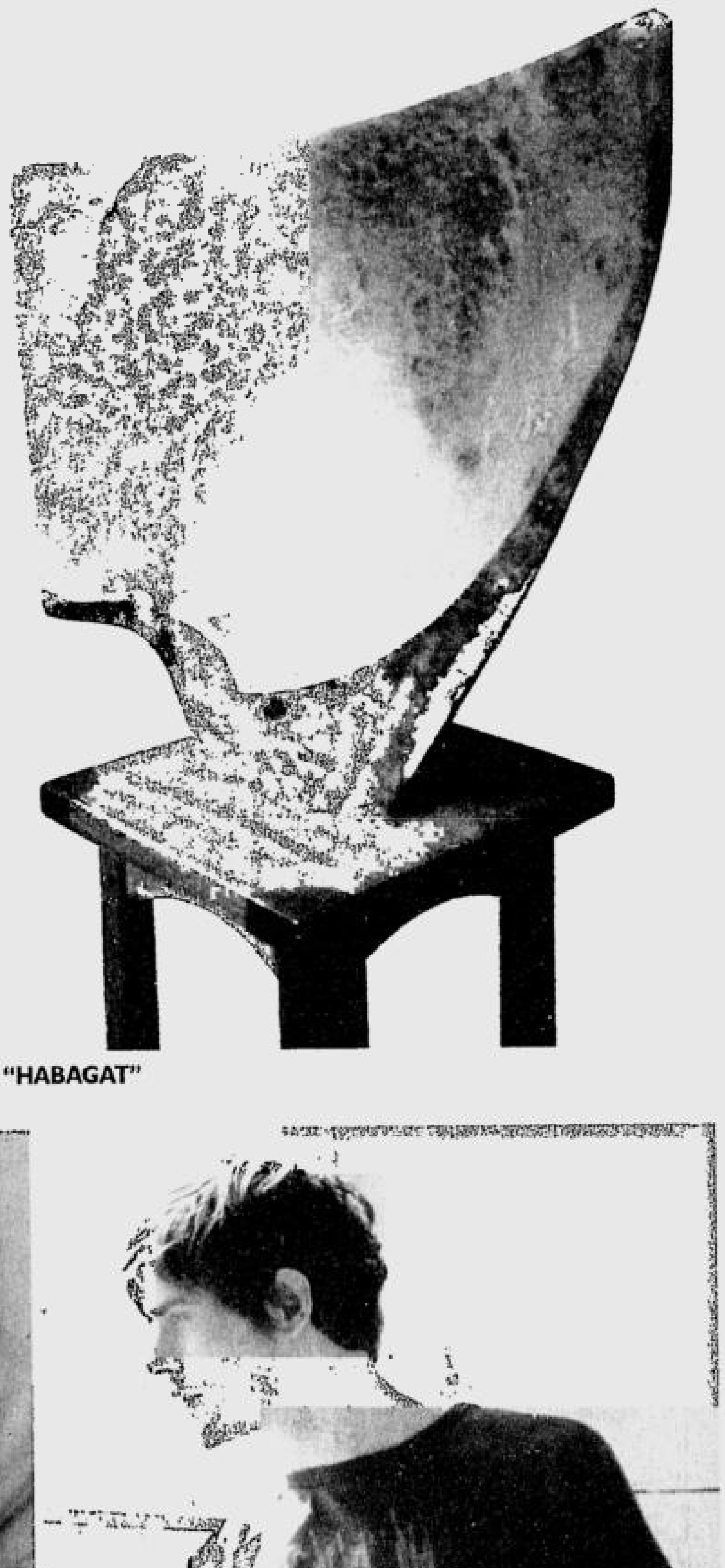
**Juan Tamad** was named after the lead character of the well-known folk tale about a lazy man who spent his days lying under a guava tree waiting for a fruit to fall. The chair is a modern version of the old bamboo recliner and uses steam-bent Ipil and Yakal laminates, with saplungan, dungon and kamagong pieces in certain parts. The seat flexes to give one a feeling of being suspended.

**Benru** was named after a tennis buddy who, when Reyes was still struggling trying to get his business off the ground, lent him the needed amount to get started. It is considered part of the line named after Reyes family members.

**The new Keesha chair** is also an updated version of the chair named after the furniture maker's youngest daughter, who has just entered puberty.

All Reyes' chairs reflect the personality of the craftsman who draws inspiration from family and friends.

Benji Reyes' new line, Koleksyon '05, is on display until Nov. 12 at the Art Space, 3/L Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City.



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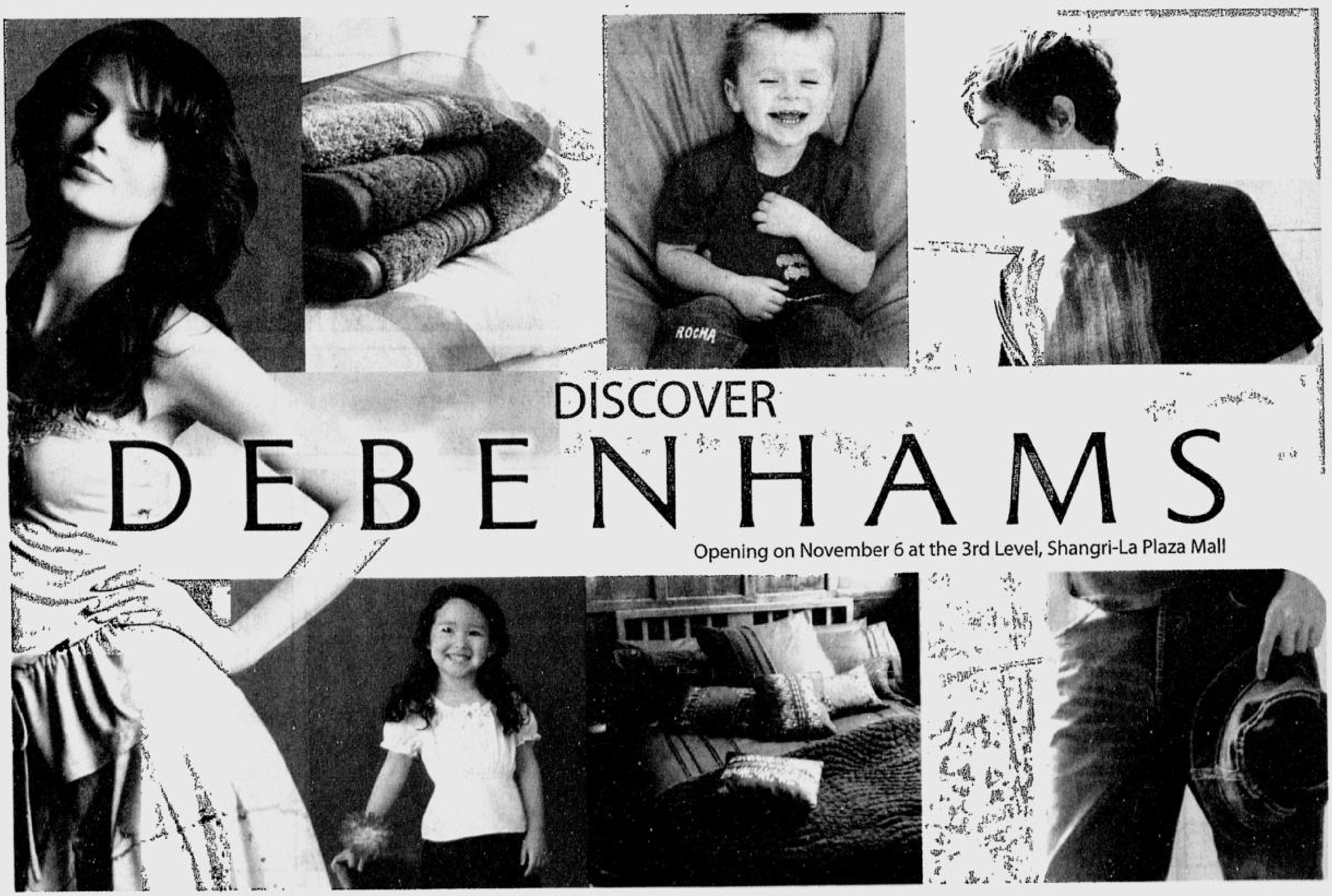

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BY MARC REYES & TAGA-ILOG

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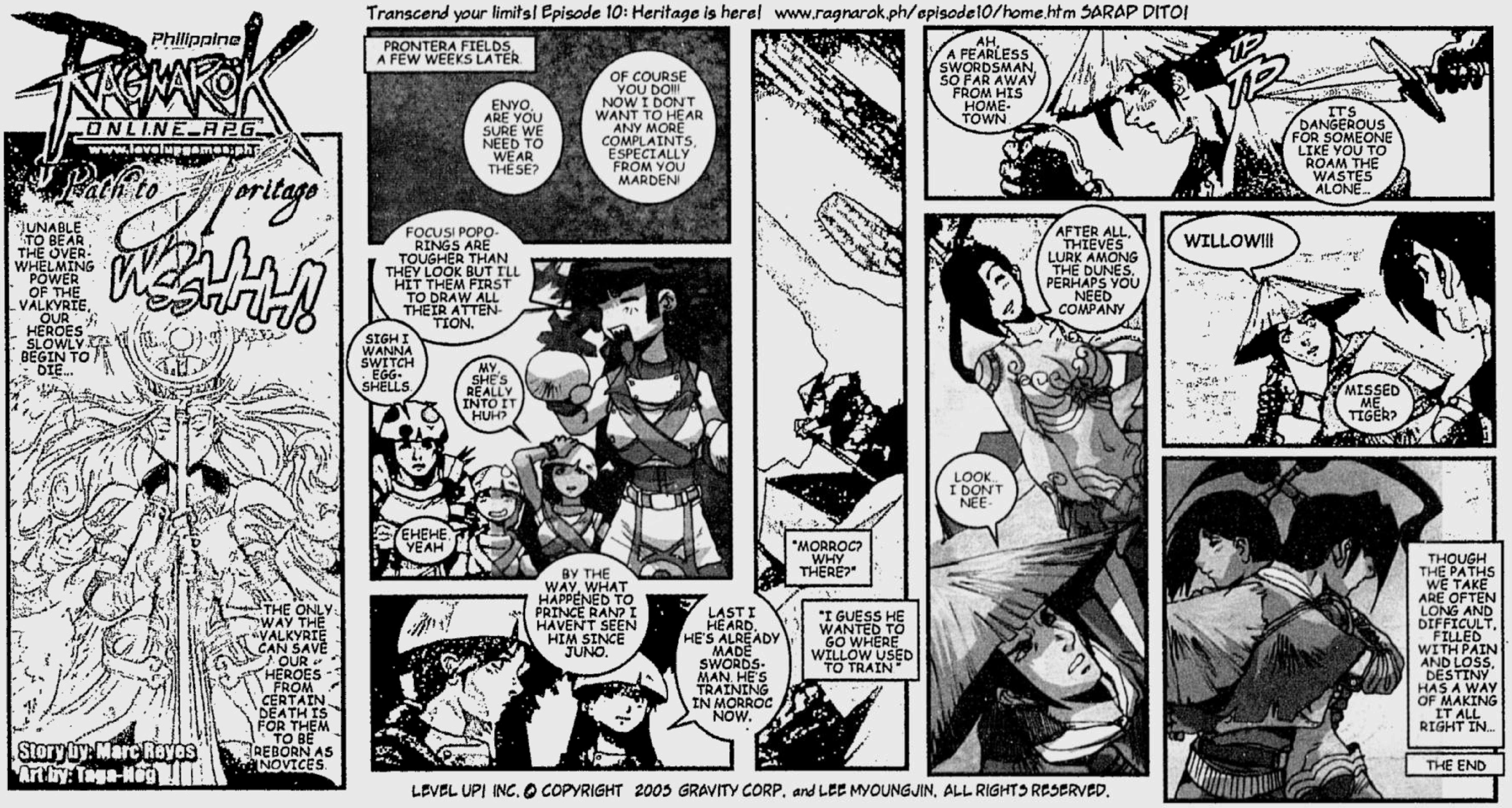
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UNABLE TO BEAR THE OVERWHELMING POWER OF THE VALKYRIE, OUR HEROES SLOWLY BEGIN TO DIE...
WSSHHH!
THE ONLY WAY THE VALKYRIE CAN SAVE OUR HEROES FROM CERTAIN DEATH IS FOR THEM TO BE REBORN AS NOVICES.
Story by: Marc Reyes
Art by: Taga-Ilog
PRONTERA FIELDS, A FEW WEEKS LATER.
ENYO, ARE YOU SURE WE NEED TO WEAR THESE?
OF COURSE YOU DO!!! NOW I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE COMPLAINTS, ESPECIALLY FROM YOU MARDEN!
FOCUS! POPORINGS ARE TOUGHER THAN THEY LOOK BUT I'LL HIT THEM FIRST TO DRAW ALL THEIR ATTENTION.
SIGH I WANNA SWITCH EGG-SHELLS.
MY, SHE'S REALLY INTO IT HUH?
EHEHE YEAH
BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO PRINCE RAN? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE JUNO.
LAST I HEARD, HE'S ALREADY MADE SWORDSMAN. HE'S TRAINING IN MORROC NOW.
"MORROC? WHY THERE?"
"I GUESS HE WANTED TO GO WHERE WILLOW USED TO TRAIN."
AH, A FEARLESS SWORDSMAN, SO FAR AWAY FROM HIS HOMETOWN
TP TP
IT'S DANGEROUS FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU TO ROAM THE WASTES ALONE...
AFTER ALL, THIEVES LURK AMONG THE DUNES. PERHAPS YOU NEED COMPANY
LOOK.. I DON'T NEE-
WILLOW!!!
MISSED ME TIGER?
THOUGH THE PATHS WE TAKE ARE OFTEN LONG AND DIFFICULT, FILLED WITH PAIN AND LOSS, DESTINY HAS A WAY OF MAKING IT ALL RIGHT IN...
THE END

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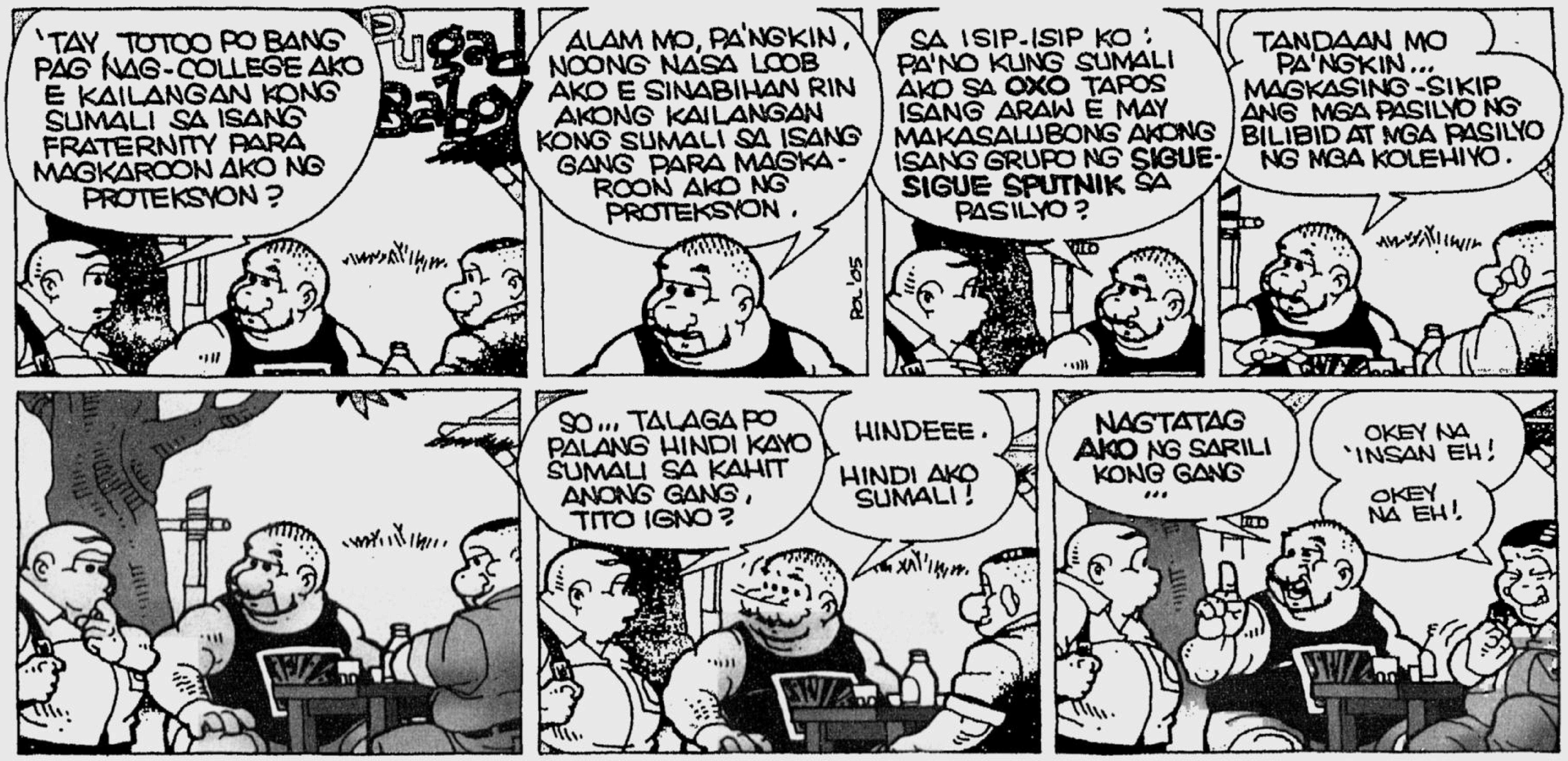
BY POL MEDINA JR.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Pugad Baboy
ALAM MO, PA'NGKIN, NOONG NASA LOOB AKO E SINABIHAN RIN AKONG KAILANGAN KONG SUMALI SA ISANG GANG PARA MAGKAROON AKO NG PROTEKSYON.
POL '05
SA ISIP-ISIP KO: PA'NO KUNG SUMALI AKO SA OXO TAPOS ISANG ARAW E MAY MAKASALUBONG AKONG ISANG GRUPO NG SIGUE-SIGUE SPUTNIK SA PASILYO?
TANDAAN MO PA'NGKIN... MAGKASING-SIKIP ANG MGA PASILYO NG BILIBID AT MGA PASILYO NG MGA KOLEHIYO.
SO... TALAGA PO PALANG HINDI KAYO SUMALI SA KAHIT ANONG GANG, TITO IGNO?
HINDEEE.
HINDI AKO SUMALI!
NAGTATAG AKO NG SARILI KONG GANG ...
OKEY NA 'INSAN EH!
OKEY NA EH!

FOLLOW THE FOLD TO GET TO MIDGARD

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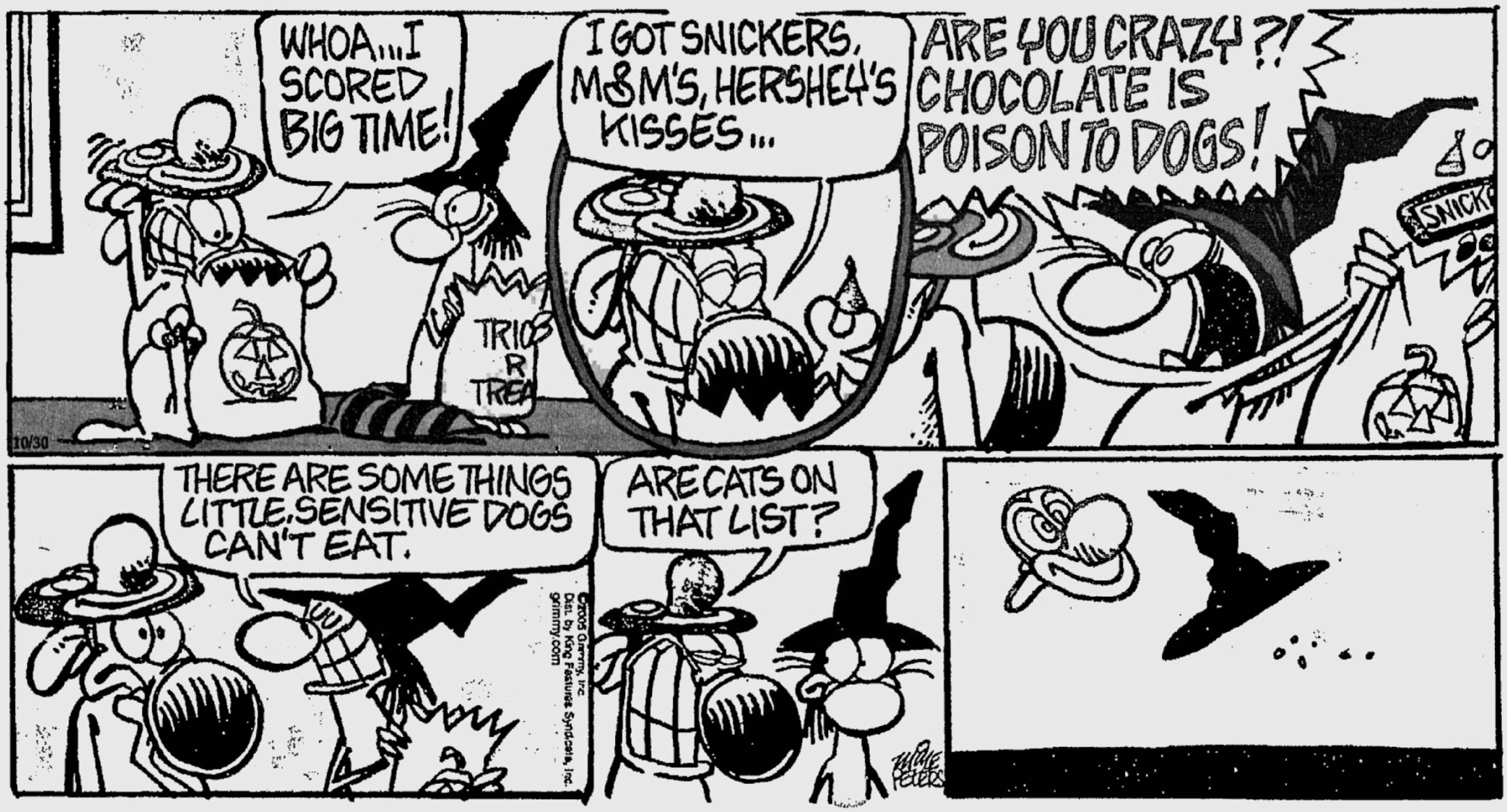
WHOA...I SCORED BIG TIME!
I GOT SNICKERS, M&M'S, HERSHEY'S KISSES...
ARE YOU CRAZY?! CHOCOLATE IS POISON TO DOGS!
TRICK R TREAT
SNICK
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THERE ARE SOME THINGS LITTLE, SENSITIVE DOGS CAN'T EAT.
ARE CATS ON THAT LIST?
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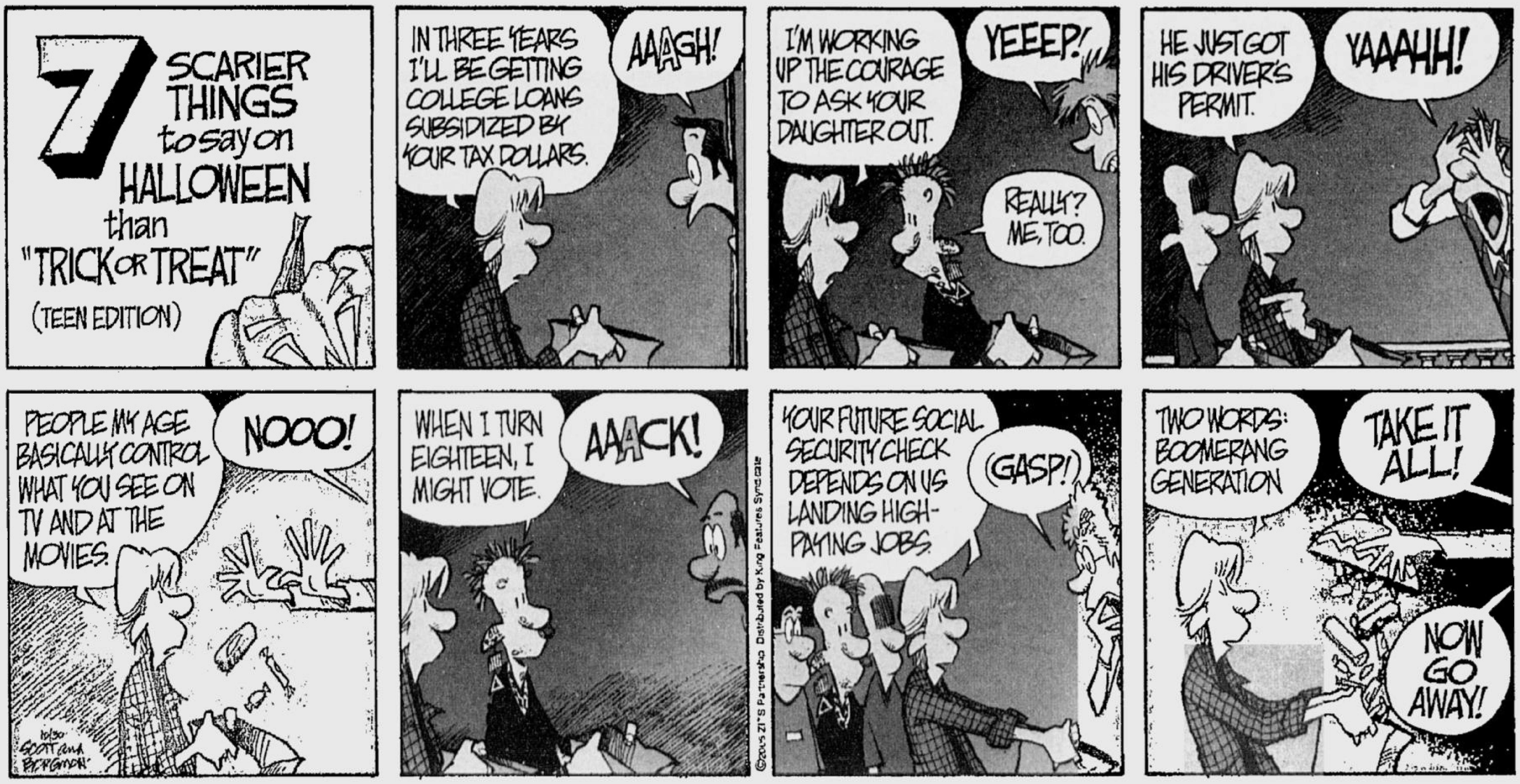
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IN THREE YEARS I'LL BE GETTING COLLEGE LOANS SUBSIDIZED BY YOUR TAX DOLLARS.
AAAGH!
I'M WORKING UP THE COURAGE TO ASK YOUR DAUGHTER OUT.
YEEEP!
REALLY? ME, TOO.
HE JUST GOT HIS DRIVER'S PERMIT.
YAAAHH!
PEOPLE MY AGE BASICALLY CONTROL WHAT YOU SEE ON TV AND AT THE MOVIES.
NOOO!
10/30 SCOTT and BORGMAN
WHEN I TURN EIGHTEEN, I MIGHT VOTE.
AAACK!
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YOUR FUTURE SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK DEPENDS ON US LANDING HIGH-PAYING JOBS.
(GASP!)
TWO WORDS: BOOMERANG GENERATION
TAKE IT ALL!
NOW GO AWAY!

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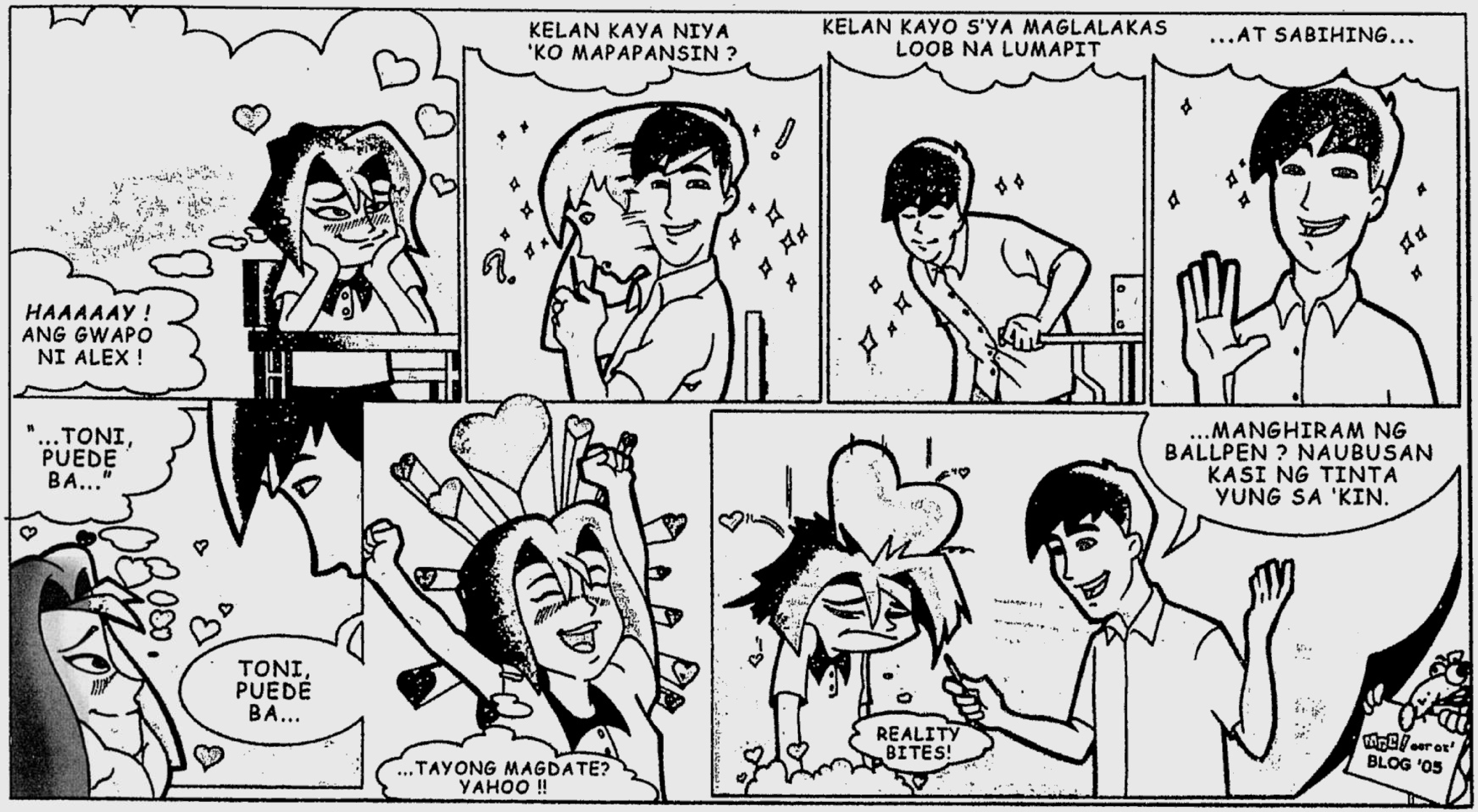
**BY BLOG CALIGUIA**


HAAAAAY! ANG GWAPO NI ALEX!
KELAN KAYA NIYA 'KO MAPAPANSIN?
KELAN KAYO S'YA MAGLALAKAS LOOB NA LUMAPIT
...AT SABIHING...
"...TONI, PUEDE BA..."
TONI, PUEDE BA...
...TAYONG MAGDATE? YAHOO!!
...MANGHIRAM NG BALLPEN? NAUBUSAN KASI NG TINTA YUNG SA 'KIN.
REALITY BITES!
BLOG '05

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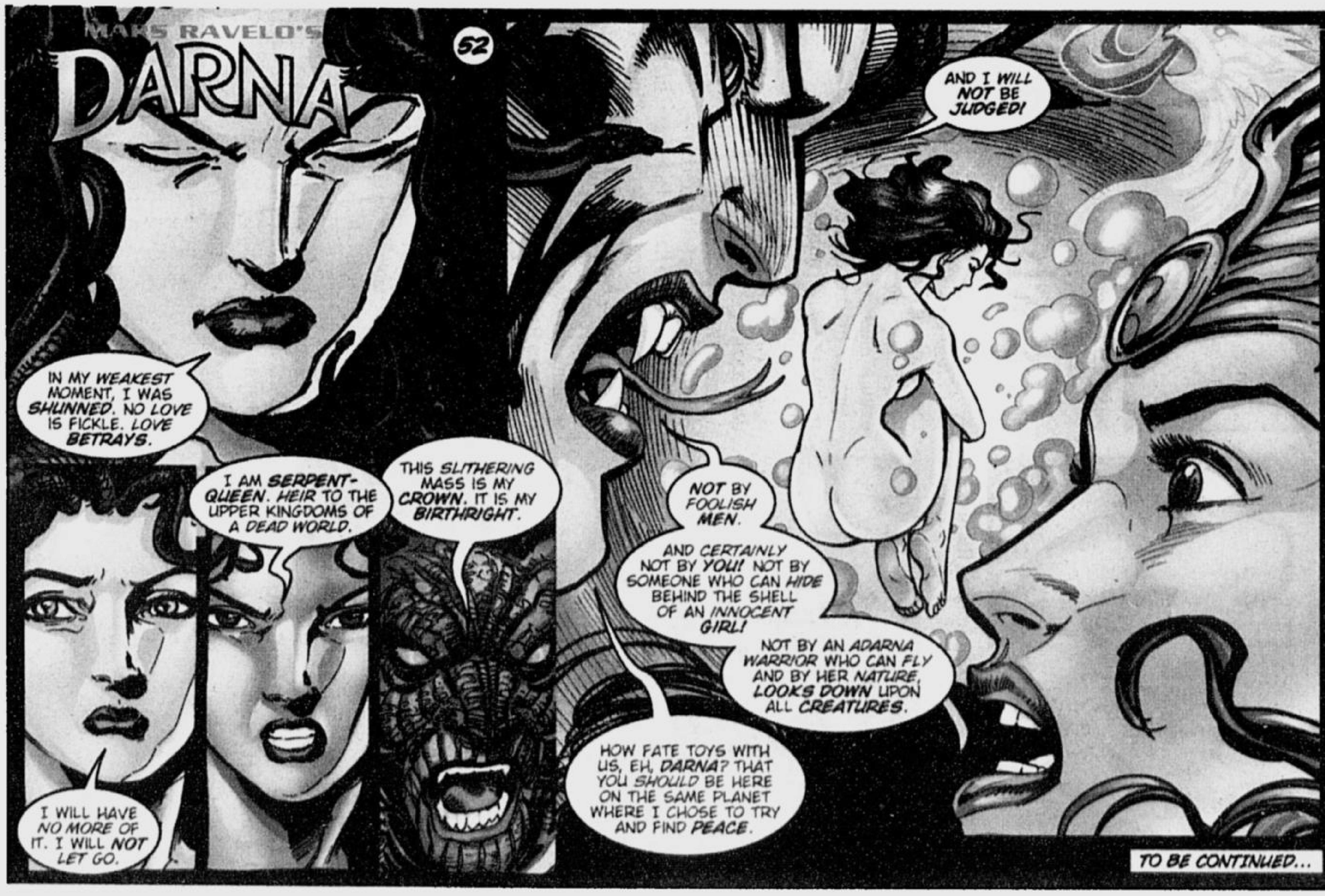
MARS RAVELO'S DARNA
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IN MY WEAKEST MOMENT, I WAS SHUNNED. NO LOVE IS FICKLE. LOVE BETRAYS.
I AM SERPENT-QUEEN. HEIR TO THE UPPER KINGDOMS OF A DEAD WORLD.
THIS SLITHERING MASS IS MY CROWN. IT IS MY BIRTHRIGHT.
I WILL HAVE NO MORE OF IT. I WILL NOT LET GO.
AND I WILL NOT BE JUDGED!
NOT BY FOOLISH MEN.
AND CERTAINLY NOT BY YOU! NOT BY SOMEONE WHO CAN HIDE BEHIND THE SHELL OF AN INNOCENT GIRL!
NOT BY AN ADARNA WARRIOR WHO CAN FLY AND BY HER NATURE, LOOKS DOWN UPON ALL CREATURES.
HOW FATE TOYS WITH US, EH, DARNA? THAT YOU SHOULD BE HERE ON THE SAME PLANET WHERE I CHOSE TO TRY AND FIND PEACE.
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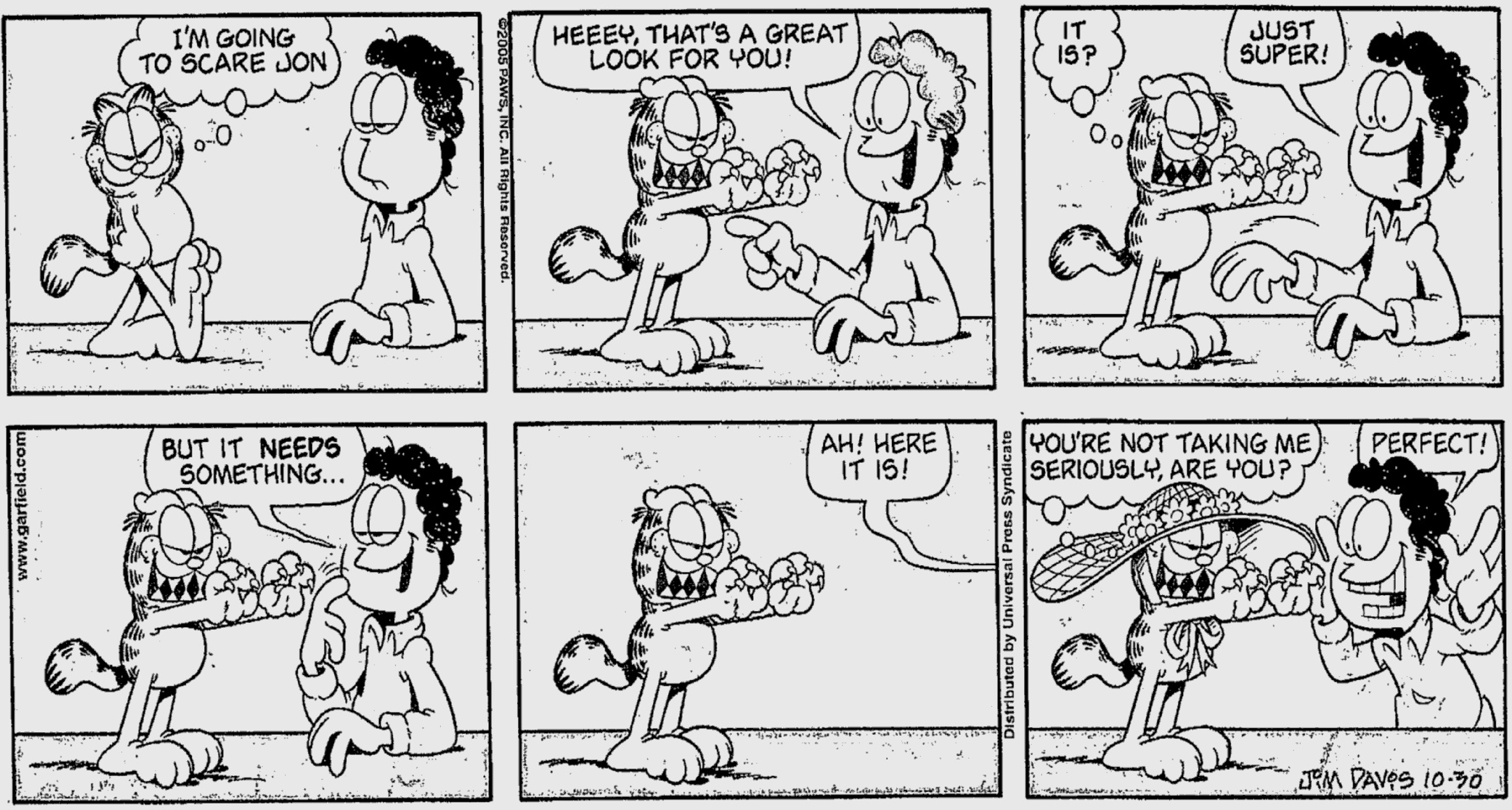
I'M GOING TO SCARE JON
HEEEY, THAT'S A GREAT LOOK FOR YOU!
IT IS?
JUST SUPER!
BUT IT NEEDS SOMETHING...
AH! HERE IT IS!
YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME SERIOUSLY, ARE YOU?
PERFECT!
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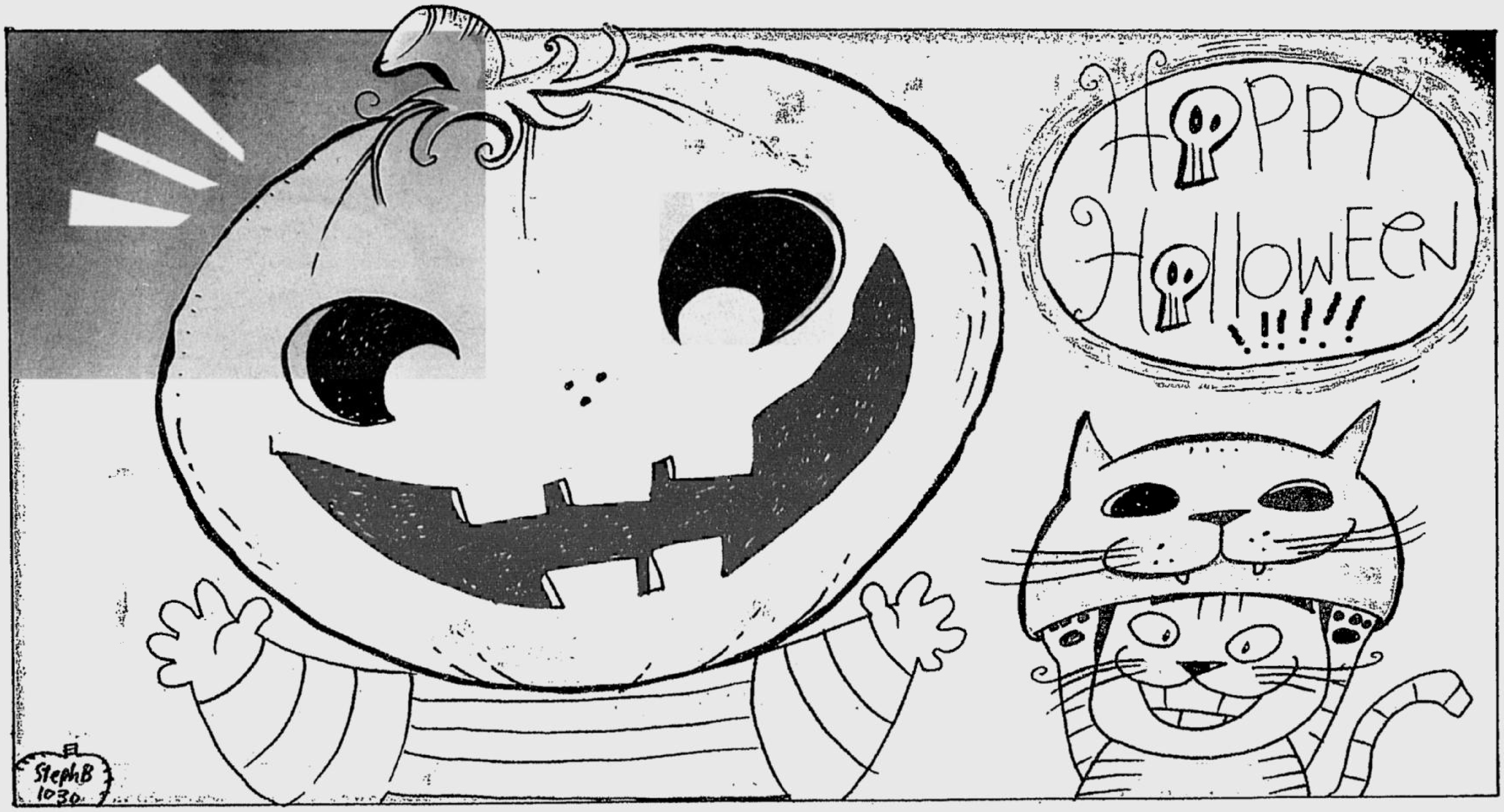

HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!!!!!
StephB 1030

B. TURN THE PAGE TO GET IT RIGHT

**CROWNED** beauties of Miss Earth 2005

**MISS** Earth candidates at the One Ayala party in InterContinental Hotel

**MISS** Photogenic Nataly Chilet Bustamante from Chile gets award from me.

**PANEL** of judges. Leo Valdez, Baby Arenas and me

**MISS** Earth creators Lorraine and Ramon Monzon

**METRO** Society's Lia Bernardo and Eva Abesamis

**FAMOUS** PR Keren Pascual with Miss Earth 2004

**SURESH** Nanoo, HSBC SVP for marketing; Elaine Dichupa, COO; and Martin Cook, deputy CEO

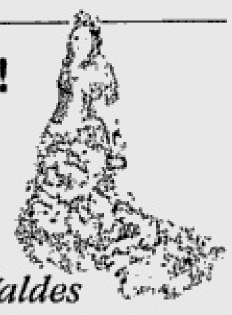
**HEALTH** Express' Maui Pascual, ANC's Lia Andanar-Yu and HSBC VP Laine Santana

**WARNER** Manning, HSBC CEO, with Basil Ong and Kurt Aydin

**KUOK'S** Tom Zita does the samba.

**JAGUAR'S** Maureen Soong and HSBC VP for cards marketing Marion Balagot

# It's what's inside us that counts!



**TESSA!**

*Tessa Prieto-Valdes*

IF BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF the beholder, then we must all behold the perfect blend of exquisiteness found in Latina women. In the beauty pageant realm, the most number of titleholders have come from South America, especially Venezuela and Brazil.

There was a perfect example of this dominance at the recently concluded Miss Earth Pageant. The Miss Photogenic Award went to Miss Chile, **Nataly Chilet Bustamante.** I awarded her trophy wearing my own crown and a voluminous **Rajo Laurel** creation, all in an attempt to be seen among the ladies towering around me.

The Miss Earth title went to another Latina, Miss Venezuela **Alexandra Braun Waldeck.** Her court did not have any Asian candidates, although Miss Korea made it to the semifinals.

Judging beauty is quite difficult especially when there are several outstanding candidates. It was my first time to judge an international pageant. A few years back, I was one of the judges of Miss Earth Philippines. This time, together with philanthropist **Baby Arenas** who was chair of the judges, it was more challenging because the girls were tall, gorgeous, sexy and smart! No one answers "world peace" anymore.

The Miss Earth pageant is a Pinoy invention. Husband-and-wife team **Ramon** and **Lorraine Monzon** started this six years ago and it has become one of the most prestigious tilts. For the next two years, it will be held in Chile and maybe Singapore afterwards. This is another reason for all of us Pinoys to be proud.

> Keep the remaining days of the year in a positive and optimistic perspective. We don't need to be beauty queens to feel great

Unlike other pageants, Miss Earth's thrust is environmental awareness, so the candidates do cleanup programs and plant trees aside from the usual pageantry. But in the end, judging them is the same process: the one with the gorgeous, mile-long legs and who manages to stay totally composed for that final question gets the crown.

## Trips fantastic

Seeing the 80 candidates made me remember my longtime dream of traveling to as many countries as possible. With the new anniversary campaign of HSBC, that might be possible and done for free!

Until Dec. 18, HSBC has the most fantastic promo going on. Text HSBC to 2600 and find out how easy it is to be one of 10 lucky winners of roundtrip tickets for two, hotel accommodations and $2,000 pocket money. And you don't even need to have an HSBC account!

For its 130th year of doing business in the Philippines, the bank started "HSBC 77 Destinations," with every Pinoy having unlimited chances to win a free trip to any of the 77 countries and territories where HSBC has a branch. And it's all just a text away!

At the launch, I was reunited with my Red Card co-endorser, **Cookie Chua,** who performed an amazing capoeira and samba dance number. She just delivered her first baby early this year, yet her stomach is so flat—again a painful reminder of my need to start exercising soon.

My top three choices for this contest would be South Africa, Brazil and Russia. HSBC CEO **Warner Manning** told me they have several branches in these countries so they are on the destinations list.

## Timely event

Warner is one of the most hardworking bank executives I know. The week following that launch, he was again in another campaign with big-hearted ladies **Virgie Ramos** and **Kara Alikpala.**

For this timely event, HSBC partnered with Swatch and the I Can Serve Foundation to create more awareness on breast cancer. I used my HSBC Red Card to purchase Swatch watches. A portion of the proceeds is set aside for the foundation.

Chatting with the ladies, I recommended they use colored wigs instead of natural ones for a bit more joie de vivre.

I also enjoyed the deliciously spicy food of the newly relocated People's Palace. **Chico Angeles** told me that his kitchen could make the spicy dishes mild. The sleek, modern interiors by **J. Anton Mendoza** make eating there doubly wonderful. Call 7292888 for reservations, because they do get packed especially on weekends.

## Wellness festival

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. But health should not be a concern only for a month.

A unique kind of fair, called "The Family Wellness Festival," is scheduled on Nov. 12 and 13 at the La Mesa Eco Park, Quezon City. For a minimum entrance donation, there will be lectures, massages, workshops, yoga classes and a Pinoy Neo Ethnic concert on the final day with Joey Ayala, Grace Nono and lots of others.

A portion of the donation goes to the rehabilitation efforts to save the La Mesa watershed and help sustain breathable air in our city.

Keep the remaining days of the year in a positive and optimistic perspective. We don't need to be beauty queens to feel great. After all, it's what inside us that truly counts.

*E-mail the author at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph*

**PEOPLE'S** Palace owner Chico Angeles (in blue) with Brian Bietz, Jim Tan and Jacqueline Rohrbach

**DELGADO CLAN.** Ines Delgado, Chuckri Prieto, Karla Delgado and Robbie Delgado

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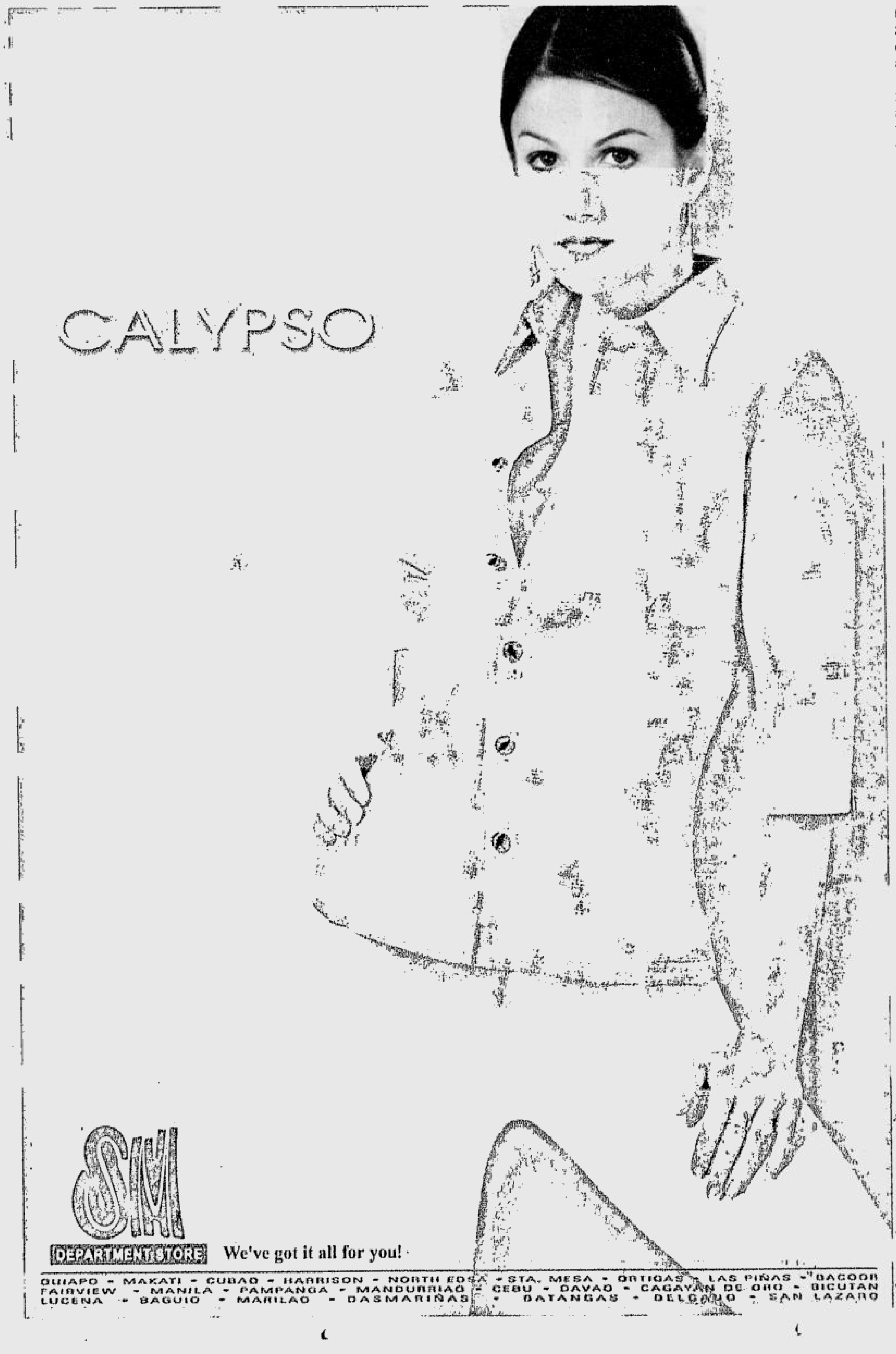

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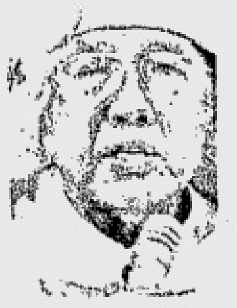
# Remembering . . .

They had to go and too soon. INQUIRER remembers some of the dear departed whose recent passing has left a void in the hearts of many

## Larger than life

### Jaime Cardinal Sin, national conscience

**By Lito B. Zulueta**



WHEN THE NATION PLUNGED into a political crisis because of the "Hello, Garci" tapes purportedly showing President Macapagal-Arroyo talking to a Comelec official about rigging the election last June, many turned to Jaime Cardinal Sin for guidance. But alas, the church leader died as the political storm had just gathered, and didn't get to deliver his two-cents worth on the crisis. His opinion would have spelled either the absolution or the end of the presidency. So influential was Sin that wherever he pointed his bishop's staff, there the nation would go.

Sin (born 1928) was installed in the nation's most important archdiocese in 1974, a country bumpkin from Panay island (he had been Jaro, Iloilo archbishop before) and a robust if rotund prelate at just 45 years old. His appointment by the Vatican was met by amusement in various circles owing to his uncharacteristic name, a legacy of his ethnic Chinese beginnings. Gifted with self-deprecation and social ease, he made fun of his name and welcomed visitors to the bishop's palace with the by-now legendary greeting, "Welcome to the House of Sin!"

Since then, it seemed as if the house had grown up to a nation—the nation of Sin. So powerful and shrewd was the Cardinal that he seemed to remodel the Philippines into one vast demesne under the influence of the Metropolitan of Manila. He locked horns with the strongman Ferdinand Marcos on several occasions over corruption and the loss of liberties. The clash came to a head in 1986 when, after condemning the fraud and violence that marred the snap presidential election, Sin called on the people to protect military defectors who had accused Marcos of stealing the election. Millions poured into the streets to obey the call. It was the start of the people-power wave of democratization around the world and the end of dictators like Marcos.

The success of the revolution confirmed Sin's status as one of the world's most influential church men, perhaps at par with Pope John Paul II who often frowned on churchmen dabbling in politics but seemed to look the other way around when Sin made his bold and deft political sallies. Even when Sin made a repeat of his 1986 intervention in 2001 when he called for the ouster of former President Joseph Estrada, the Pope didn't show his displeasure.

The two had become fast friends since the two conclaves of 1978 in which Sin, as the youngest cardinal, checked the ballots, and mischievously winked at the then Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla as the latter gradually got the votes that sealed him the papacy. Both were intensely spiritual prelates who had a childlike devotion to the Blessed Mother and the saints. But they were also intensely political. John Paul demolished communist totalitarianism in Europe; Sin dismantled corrupt capitalist dictatorships. Their spirituality reaffirmed the Dominican charism of contemplation in action—that religious men and women should take their strength from prayer and study and plunge into the apostolate in order to share the fruits of contemplation.

No century has witnessed perhaps a more potent ecclesiastical tandem, and it seems almost preternatural that, in the new millennium, the partners should go one after the other. When John Paul died on April 3, it seemed only a matter of time for Sin to follow him, which he did on June 21 after a prolonged fight with a kidney disease. "He was bigger than life, no man could replace him," said Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz, who was once Sin's assistant bishop. Oh how true! In their wake, the Pope and Sin have left a gnawing void. But the bitterness should give way to thanksgiving. Catholics and non-Catholics now call John Paul Great. And Filipinos now call the Cardinal, Immortal Sin.

He called his palace the house of Sin. By the time of his death, he had molded the Philippines into the nation of Sin

## The gentleman from Bicol

### Raul Roco, statesman

**By Constantino C. Tejero**

RAUL ROCO, THE LAWmaker from Bicol, now in death appears to be joining the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen in Philippine modern history, which includes Claro M. Recto, José W. Diokno, Lorenzo Tañada, Chino Roces, and the few elect whose lives a thankful nation will forever associate with statesmanship and nationalism. In other words, people who have become symbols.

Roco was a corporate lawyer and had been president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, until he was swept off by the wave of history. Just after the Edsa Revolt, he had been persuaded to enter politics, and so in 1987 he ran for Congress in the first post-Marcos national elections and won.

"It wasn't a problem to him, because he understood Philippine politics from the beginning," says his son Raul Jr. "He was quick to adjust. He just used his attitude as a lawyer [while among politicians, in the world of politics]."

As representative and later as senator, Roco filed bill after bill that tried to uplift the life of the common *tao*, among them his pro-women legislation and bills on banking and education. These, along with his brief stint as education secretary, have proven to be his lasting legacy for the Filipino people.

Thus, in the mind of the common *tao* had evolved an image with mass appeal—from corporate lawyer to legislator to family man, champion of women and children. The latter image was enhanced when in the mid-'90s he changed from his monogrammed conservative outfit and started wearing loose polo shirts with bright floral prints.

With his low resonant voice, large frame, and avuncular air tinged with sternness, Roco had become a father figure to many. He appeared approachable, was often seen smiling, but strict to a fault and fiery when displeased. Like a father, indeed.

That Roco temper was displayed to the general public in his fight for the impeachment of President Joseph Estrada in 2000.

Toward the end of his life, he showed a heartbreaking steadfastness, that never-say-die spirit, when he campaigned for the presidency last year while in the midst of his battle against colon cancer. He died on Aug. 5.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 26, was Senator Roco's birthday. He would have turned 64.

Let's hear for the gentleman from Bicol.

He showed heartbreaking never-say-die spirit when he ran for the presidency while battling cancer

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## A singular life

### Haydee Yorac, lawyer-professor, activist, civil servant

**By Linda B. Bolido**

WE SHARED FRIENDS but never became close. But everywhere I went, whenever people asked me about Haydee, there was never a need for a qualifier, a modifier or a descriptor for me to know whom they meant.

There was only one Haydee that people outside the Philippines knew and were interested in, and that was Haydee Yorac.

She was the quintessential feminist and political activist not because she said so herself but because of the way she lived her life. Unlike other people who would proclaim their activism every chance they got, she simply let her actions show how she thought and felt.

I don't recall her ever going around calling herself a champion of women's rights. But her confidence, her self-assurance, her belief that she could do as well as any man any task she accepted probably proved more inspiring to many women than endless rhetoric about gender equality.

While many women had been given appointments to show that the Philippines was as diligent as everybody else in following United Nations accords and declarations on women empowerment, she got whatever positions she held quite simply because she was the best person for the job.

People would often speculate on why certain individuals accepted appointments in government. Was it because of ambition, political expediency or greed? They did not seem to have such doubts when Yorac was given government positions, accepting her as the most qualified. They also never seemed to fear that she would sell-out the way others before and after her had so readily and easily done.

Yorac seemed to operate under her own moral compass that did not allow for a lot of deviation, unlike many other people's. When she did not cut Imee Marcos any slack at the University of the Philippines College of Law, even though her father was the absolute ruler of the country, it did not seem to be a mere show of defiance of an authoritarian regime, but simply a desire to apply the rules impartially and fairly regardless of the "season" and the person.

She was always true to herself, not even attempting a temporary repackaging of her image when she ran for the Senate. If she did not do a song-and-dance number to draw attention to her causes, she definitely would not do a song-and-dance performance simply to get elected.

Once we had dinner with a mutual friend. She was then, I think, with the Commission on Elections. At that time, the government was having another round of its lifestyle checks and graft and corruption investigations. Many officials were proclaiming with drums and cymbals their honesty and daring anybody to prove otherwise.

When people asked Yorac about her own record, she simply replied, "I am honest." No descriptor, no qualifier, no modifier. A simple statement of fact that no doubt was received without the snickers, the murmurs, the raised eyebrows that met other people's declarations of probity.

## Unsung heroine

### Consuelo Lacusong, shot-put record holder

**By Vangie Baga-Reyes**

HER NAME MAY NOT RING A BELL, but in her own small—and quiet—way Consuelo Salibio-Lacusong brought pride and glory to the Philippines.

All these years since Lacusong set the national mark of 13.92 meters in women's shot put during the National Open in Cebu City on June 22, 1975, her record is unbroken.

Lacusong won silver medals in the 1977 and 1983 Southeast Asian Games, and a bronze medal in the 1981 edition of the biennial meet in Manila.

At the peak of her career, she was in the Gintong Alay stable of athletes that included then rising superstars Elma Muros (now Posadas), Isidro del Prado and Lydia de Vega (now Mercado).

People who knew Lacusong from her Gintong Alay days, like multi-awarded trackster Posadas, remembered how the 5-foot-11, heavily built woman with a ready smile for everyone, was respected by her fellow athletes.

"She was dedicated to her sport," says Posadas, who was about 14 years old when she first met Lacusong, who was then already in her 30s. "I could see how committed and disciplined she was in her daily training."

On the field, Lacusong would straighten those big shoulders and position the steel ball against her neck with her right hand. She held and threw the shot put seemingly with very little effort.

Posadas describes her as the greatest shot-put athlete in Philippine sports history.

After training, Lacusong relaxed by exchanging banters with young athletes. "Manang Inday (Lacusong) was very childish. *Nakikipaglaro yan at harutan sa mga bata,*" Posadas says. "And, she'd always tell me, *bata ka pa*, Elma, *kaya magsipag ka at huwag ka muna mag-boboypren.*"

When she started, Lacusong lived a simple life, working as a security guard in one of the establishments in Cubao. Like any devoted athlete, she would train first thing in the morning at Rizal Memorial before going to work.

She tried hard to support her family with her meager income. And it was in competition that she was able to shut out life's hardships. She concentrated on the task at hand and gave her all to the sport where she excelled.

"Manang Inday brought honor to the country by doing what she knew best, representing the country in a number of international competitions," says Posadas.

By the time she became a national athlete, Lacusong was an enlisted Philippine Navy personnel like her husband, Manuel Lacusong. The couple lived in Malanday, Marikina.

After she retired from the national team, Lacusong found a job doing clerical work at Fort Bonifacio, when it was still a military camp.

She developed diabetes and one of her legs had to be amputated. Friends helped to get her an artificial leg so she could continue with her office work.

Lacusong died last March at 58, leaving behind two grown up children. The Philippine Sports Commission and the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association extended financial support.

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## A promise unfulfilled

### Luigi Santiago, TV-film director

**By Belle V. Bondoc**

*"I have to focus on God and His kingdom beyond. This life will pass and it's temporary. Age is upon us, this life will fade."*—**from the journal of Luigi Santiago, television director**

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF LUIGI Santiago was not only a shock to his family, close friends and the show-biz industry. It also had an impact even on those who hardly knew him.

For his family, the pain was indescribable. It was only recently, some four months after that fateful June 8 incident, that the Santiago family was able to talk about what happened.

According to reports, Santiago was shot and killed during a brawl at a popular Makati nightspot.

The senseless death caused grief and outrage even among people who barely knew the young director.

He was 27 and seemed destined for a bright future in show business. But that early in his career, people remembered him more for his good heart, the small acts of love and kindness, than the masterpieces he could have done had he lived long enough.

He was starting to make a name when death claimed him at 27

Santiago was the eldest in a brood of four. He grew up in the United States, graduating from New York University-Tisch School of the Arts major in film and television.

Back in the Philippines, he was intent on pursuing a career in the movie industry. After directing music videos, he became segment director for variety shows on ABS-CBN. His biggest break came when he was asked to direct the horror television series "Nginiig" last year.

The show was voted Best Fantasy TV Show in the Philippines and was nominated in the Asian TV Awards and Peabody Awards.

At the time of his death, Santiago was working on two reality-based TV programs and was about to direct three feature films.

"Filmmaking was his life," says mom Irma. "He wouldn't live otherwise because it was the thing he [really] enjoyed doing."

She adds, "He truly believed in the genius of Filipinos."

The movie industry called the young filmmaker one of the country's most promising new directors. Though the fans were just starting to appreciate his work, he already had the respect of the artists who worked with him.

Santiago, according to his actors, was the only director they knew who could shoot without an OB van (off-base filmmaking equipment). He made do with his own camera and edited his own work to make sure he got the outcome he wanted.

Irma admits every time she feels his absence she watches the films her son did in college to ease her pain.

Santiago apparently had a premonition of death. A few days before he died, he made a surprise visit to his mom's condominium in Makati, giving her a big hug, "He said, he just missed me [babying] him," says Irma. He even asked her if she could cut his fingernails and toenails, a rather unusual request.

"We saw the will of God in my son's death," says Irma. "People close to us are telling us that Luigi perhaps was [perfect] in the eyes of God, so He decided to take him because God knew he lived his life well."

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## Angel of the tracks

### Ciara Marie Abalos, student

**By Nastasha Isobel B. Verayo**

NOBODY KNEW. Not even her twin.

It was only when strangers started pouring in to visit Ciara Marie Abalos' remains that her family discovered the huge impact the 19-year-old had made on other people.

Apparently, Ciara had been teaching Catechism in her spare time and sending poor kids to school through her own efforts. Needless to say, she was no ordinary teenager.

While identical twins Ciara and Charisse talked about almost everything, they usually veered away from topics involving work and school. As it turned out, Ciara had been serving as benefactor and tutor to a number of "*batang riles*," or children living in homes along the railroad tracks.

What started out as a class requirement for her Theology class became a mission of passion. And soon, the incoming Philosophy senior at the De La Salle University was setting aside plans for law and beginning to think about putting up her own school instead.

"She would've been a good barrister, but she seemed to really want to teach," recalls her grandfather, Commission on Elections chair Benjamin Abalos.

Ciara was supposed to fly to the US with her grandparents on the week of her passing. Struck with a fever and what was first thought of as menstrual cramps, she promised to follow that Friday, saying she wouldn't want to inconvenience them during the trip.

Instead, that Friday afternoon, April 22, her body gave in after four cardiac arrests. Reports said the abdominal cramps she experienced were actually symptoms of E. coli infection.

Eschericia coli is a bacteria that causes a food-borne illness associated with the intake of undercooked, contaminated meat or unsanitary water. While most E. coli strains are harmless, they could inflict rapid multiple organ failures when triggered by another bacterium, aeronomas, which causes sepsis or blood poisoning.

Up to this day, the family has yet to determine how Ciara contracted the disease.

However, Charisse admits that her sister had never been a picky eater. "She was 'cowboy,'" the younger twin recalls. She would eat fishballs and other street foods from sidewalk stalls, and her frequent trips to Divisoria to get materials for the kids naturally became the main suspect for the cause of the tragedy that befell her.

Last July 19, former Mandaluyong Rep. Benhur Abalos and daughter Charisse took their cue from Ciara's selfless acts and launched the Ciara Marie Foundation, aiming to "give opportunities for children to be what they are capable of being."

"We aim to provide services (such as free X-ray, checkups and treatments) and free medicine and equipment," Charisse explained. "Not so long after Ciara's death, we discovered that in Mandaluyong alone, 20 children are diagnosed of having sepsis every month, and in the most extreme cases, up to 60 percent could lead to fatality.

"The biggest reason is poverty... Sanitation and access to clean water is mostly available only to those who could afford them, the underprivileged have barely means for that... We don't ever want anyone else to go through what my sister had to suffer," she explains.

The Ciara Marie Foundation (5311260/5311249/0917-6259595) has distributed donation cans at schools, and given the poor free medicines and checkups through its mobile clinic.

## Gone with the fashion wind

### Noel Boado, fashion editor

**By Alex Y. Vergara**

UP TO THE VERY END, NOEL "Noelle" Boado remained a contradiction even to his closest friends.

The flamboyant fashion editor of Woman's Home Companion, who didn't leave home without powdering his nose and putting on lipstick, died of aneurysm three months ago.

Officemates found him slumped on the floor of the magazine's studio, where he did most of his best works over the last two decades—from styling fashion shoots to coaxing wooden cover girls to "emote" for the cameras. He was 44.

"It was so uncharacteristic of Noelle, who loved long goodbyes as much as he loved to eat, to leave just like that," says journalist Charles Legaspi.

Since Noelle was such a fastidious dresser (he was sent off in a black suit by Frederick Peralta over an Issey Miyake blouse), publicist Annie Ringor thinks he wouldn't have relished the idea of being confined in a hospital with all sorts of tubes attached to his body.

That would have been *sooo* unfashionable.

Ringor once sent Noelle a bottle of Calvin Klein perfume for men. Oops, wrong gift. Since he wouldn't be caught dead wearing men's fragrance, he gently chided her on the phone.

"He was a simple guy with expensive taste," she says. "He was so into brands and was really up to speed regarding fashion."

People also remember Noelle for his generosity. He loved attending press cons and product launches to get freebies and giveaways, which in turn he shared with friends and loved ones.

It was a different case, of course, if the giveaway happened to be makeup and skincare products. He'd be the first to tell you, though, whether a beauty product was effective or not.

"He wasn't stingy when it came to fashion and beauty tips," says Noelle's longtime colleague and now editor in chief of Woman's Home Companion, Henrietta Rosana.

Like the fashion and beauty trends he kept an eye out on, he left this world for the next in quite a mercurial fashion.

When Woman's Home Companion graphic artist Gladys Grande touched the side of his neck to check his pulse and see if she could still revive him, the trained caregiver felt nothing.

Noelle, who, less than an hour before, had brimmed with life, puffing away at a stick of Marlboro Red before putting on his favorite Chanel lipstick, lay eerily quiet.

A few inches from his outstretched right palm lay his cell phone, which he had used moments earlier to talk to the love of his life: Clarita Boado, his 73-year-old mom.

"I had a cabinet built recently to showcase his Barbie doll collection," says his mom. "I don't intend to give any of his stuff away. I want his US-based sister to see them as they were when she comes home."

Through the years, Noelle would often borrow clothes from Frederick Peralta to feature in his pages.

"Noelle loved to crack jokes and make fun of himself," he says. "He probably had a way with words, but he was never mean-spirited."

To Peralta, Noelle belonged to the "old school" of fashion journalists, who rein in their pens when they have nothing good to say.

**NOELLE with Paloma Picasso**

Toward the end of his life, he admitted to friends the waning clout of newsprint magazines as some mercenary public relations people have turned more and more to glossies. But he didn't give them the chance to make him feel small. Noelle Boado left the scene while he was still ahead.

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# Colorist of angst

By Rowena C. Burgos

## Ang Kiukok, painter

NATIONAL ARTIST FOR visual Arts Ang Kiukok was a unique painter in the sense that he was not influenced by other artists or the whims of art enthusiasts.

He attempted to plumb human existence by filling his canvasses with distorted figures. Most of his subjects seemed twisted with outrage or internal suffering.

But Ang Kiukok's more tender subjects projected a different image of the artist—sensitive, passionate, nurturing—while a more detached Kiukok was revealed in his still lifes.

Indeed, Ang Kiukok's success stemmed mainly from the honesty of his art. He didn't try to deceive buyers and collectors with cheap publicity stunts or insist that a wallpaper motif is art nouveau.

Born to immigrant Chinese parents Vicente Ang and Chin Lim, Kiukok was one of the most dynamic figures to emerge during the '60s. He continued to make an impact in the art scene until his death on May 9 this year. He was 74 when he succumbed to a lingering illness at St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) described Kiukok as "one of those who came at the heels of the pioneering modernists during that decade, and blazed a formal and iconographic path of his own through expressionistic works of high visual impact and compelling meaning."

"In the '70s, he crystallized in vivid, cubistic figures the terror and angst of the times. Shaped in the furnace of the political turmoil of those times, Ang Kiukok pursued an expression imbued with nationalist fervor and sociological agenda," said NCCA executive director Cecile Guidote Alvarez in a statement.

Some of Kiukok's works include: "Geometric Landscape" (1969); "Pieta," which won for him the bronze medal in the 1st International Art Exhibition held in Saigon (1962); and the "Seated Figure" (1979), auctioned at Sotheby's in Singapore.

His works can be found in many major art collections, among them the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), National Historical Museum of Taipei and the National Museum in Singapore.

According to the book "Gawad Pambansang Alagad ng Sining 2001," since the 1990s, his works have become a regular feature in the auction houses of Sotheby's and Christie's International in Singapore, as much sought after at the auction block as the works of another Filipino: Fernando Amorsolo.

He received the Outstanding Overseas Chinese Award in 1961 and the 1976 Araw ng Maynila Award.

A respected but enigmatic figure in the art scene, Ang Kiukok seemed to be the epitome of cynicism. And yet, viewing his art, one sees he was a cynic only because he was, primarily, an idealist.

# The peasant guerrilla as icon

By Constantino C. Tejero

## Luis Taruc, revolutionary

EVEN AS LATE AS THE 1960S, the name Luis Taruc still evoked some dread a decade after his surrender to government forces.

The name of the Pampango guerrilla-rebel reverberated to as far as the Visayas and Mindanao and had become a byword people lived with day by day, that some were not even aware he had been in jail for years by then.

Sympathizing with landless families, Taruc joined the Partido Sosyalista ng Pilipinas in the mid-'30s upon finishing high school. He was only 17 and didn't even know what a socialist was. His sense of social justice, simplicity of heart and purity of purpose invested him through the years with the aura of a folk hero.

During the Pacific War, he formed in Central Luzon the guerrilla group Hukbalahap (Hukbo ng Bayan Laban sa Hapon). After the war, this evolved into the communist group Hukbong Magpapalaya ng Bayan.

Not bemedalled as some soldiers were, the guerrilla leader had returned to his people to strengthen the communist movement in Central Luzon, where agrarian unrest seemed to be a permanent condition. The Huk then reached a strength of 15,000.

His subsequent surrender, which took four months of negotiations, was one of those rare points of convergence in the stream of history. On that day, May 17, 1954, three names that would live on in Philippine annals would meet: Taruc, the Huk supremo; Ramon Magsaysay, the president at that time; and Benigno Aquino Jr., then a reporter acting as the president's emissary, to whom the communist leader surrendered.

Convicted of rebellion complex, Taruc spent almost 14 years in prison. President Ferdinand Marcos pardoned him and made him his adviser on agrarian reform, in effect using him as part of his propaganda machine.

He had been accused of being a sellout or a dissenter by some of his former comrades and sympathizers, but he left that for history to decide.

"I'm not afraid of judgment," he said last year. "I have no regrets on the life I led and on the decisions I made."

When Luis Taruc died at 92 from heart failure last May 4, it was barely two weeks to the day of the 51st anniversary of his surrender. What is happening to the farmers, rural folk and leftist leaders in the Central Plain of Luzon these days seems to point out that he surrendered too early.

# Curtain call

### Ismail Merchant, film producer

"WHAT DO YOU CALL FILMmakers who make literary entertainment box office in the age of Beavis and Butthead? Try miracle workers."

Peter Travers of Rolling Stone wrote that in 1993, referring to the formidable creative team of producer Ismail Merchant, director James Ivory and screenwriter Ruth Prawer Jhabvala that, at the time, had just released "The Remains of the Day," to universal acclaim.

The film was a reaffirmation of Merchant-Ivory's status as the prime purveyors of a unique genre in world cinema: the tasteful, meticulously crafted period film, often based on honored literary works like the "The Remains of the Day," which was adapted from Kazuo Ishiguro's Booker Prize-winning novel.

In a collaboration that spanned over 40 years, Merchant the cosmopolitan Indian-born producer and Ivory the exacting American director created such distinguished film adaptations as "The Europeans" and "The Bostonians" (based on Henry James' novels), "Heat and Dust" (from Jhabvala's own work) and, most famously, "A Room With a View," "Maurice" and "Howards End" (all from E.M. Forster).

The Guinness Book of World Records says Merchant's team-up with Ivory was the longest creative partnership in the history of independent film. A miracle, indeed.

### Arthur Miller, playwright

When Arthur Miller died, American and world theater lost not only a playwright of the first order, but also a towering humanist who sought, through his powerful dramas, to illuminate the dehumanizing qualities of life under duress, whether by economic ruin ("Death of a Salesman"), pious hysteria ("The Crucible") or dysfunctional intimacy ("After the Fall").

"Death of a Salesman" is considered Miller's greatest work, and in it is reflected his own transforming experiences with failure and deprivation. The son of a fairly well-to-do New York shopkeeper who lost everything in the Great Depression, Miller would find in that cataclysmic childhood event the template for Willy Loman's tragic descent into the bowels of the American Dream.

In a world gone even more cutthroat and coarse, Miller's sympathetic vision of human weakness remains a potent, humbling tonic—and the stuff of great theater anywhere.

### Anne Bancroft, actress

"Are you trying to seduce me, Mrs. Robinson?" asked Dustin Hoffman in "The Graduate." Before him was a leonine older beauty, casually unfurling her legs and taking off her stockings. In that instant, like Hoffman, the world became putty in the hands of Mrs. Robinson, aka Anne Bancroft.

That was always Bancroft's trademark. She wasn't a drop-dead beauty in the mold of Grace Kelly or Doris Day; she had a more underhanded, sly appeal to her, the kind that warranted subterfuge and double-takes. She was, after all, also a fiercely intelligent woman, and men like the hapless Benjamin Braddock (Hoffman's character in "The Graduate") needed all their wits to overcome her wiles.

That tough intelligence was evident in Bancroft's long career, with defining performances in "The Miracle Worker" (both the Broadway and film versions), "The Turning Point," "84 Charing Cross Road," "Agnes of God" and "Torch Song Trilogy," among many others.

But it is in the seminal Mike Nichols film that Bancroft sealed her fame. With "The Graduate" and its classic Simon & Garfunkel soundtrack ("And here's to you, Mrs. Robinson, Jesus loves you more than you will know"), she was on her way to cinematic immortality.

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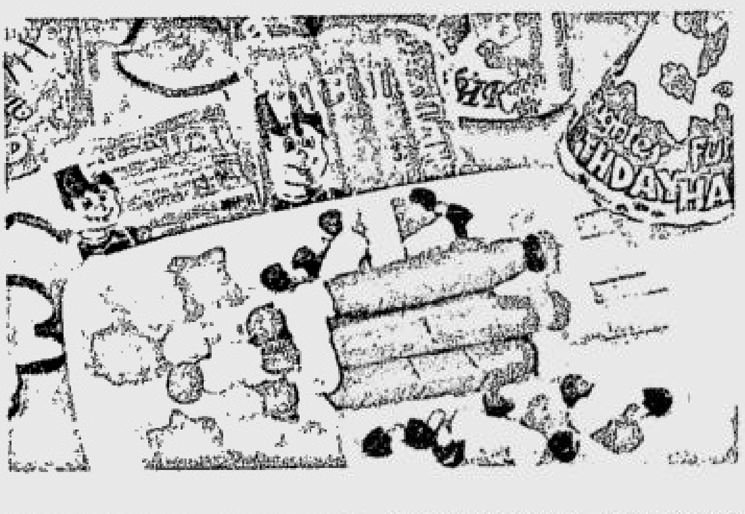

# MEKENI FOOD CORPORATION bags again the Best 'AAA' Meat Establishment Award

MEKENI Food Corporation, a mid-sized meat processing company based in Porac, Pampanga, has won the Best 'AAA' Meat processing Plant of the Philippines Award for 2005. It's the second time the firm received the honor – considered the ultimate and most sought-after in the meat processing industry – after first winning it last year.

The award was given at the Bureau of Soils and Water Management Auditorium in Quezon City last October 21, 2005 by a panel of judges led by the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) of the Department of Agriculture. Panel members include representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Department of Interior and Local Governments.

The National Winner award in the 'AAA' category reaffirms Mekeni's stature as the best and finest meat establishment in the country today. It virtually attests to the fact that the products it produces and sells to the public are not only of superior quality but are also processed under the safest, cleanest, and most hygienic way possible.

Equally important, the award acknowledges the company's strong commitment to social responsibility – that of operating not for profit alone but providing livelihood as well as doing charity, civic projects, and community service for the welfare of humanity.

Each year, more than a dozen meat processing plants from all over the country aspire for the coveted award. Contenders first pass through a rigorous selection process at the regional level where only the best in the area may be endorsed to qualify for the national competition.

After hurdling the regional contest, aspirants undergo further screening by a national search committee chaired by the NMIS. This body picks only the top 5 most qualified regional winners to join the national competition by using a set of criteria tougher than those used at the regional level and verifying or validating the same through unannounced plant visits.

The grueling scrutiny does not end there. The short list of national qualifiers are further deliberated on by a board of judges composed of a dean from a state university, the director of the National Consumer Affairs Council, and senior officials from DA-NMIS, DOH, DENR, and the DILG before the final winner is announced.

"A national winner, to be declared as such, virtually passes through the eye of a needle," says Dr. Fernando Lontoc, national search committee chair. "Adherence to standards is strictly observed and there can be no room for manipulation. We really maintain integrity and credibility," he explains.

For Mekeni Food Corporation, being declared the best means recognition of its years of unwavering dedication and commitment to manufacturing and product excellence.

"We owe our winning to the board of judges, to our workers, to our suppliers, and to our valued customers who believe in what we are doing," says Imang Meding Garcia, wife of company founder Tatay Felix Garcia.

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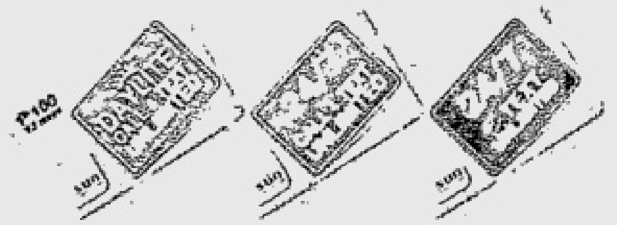

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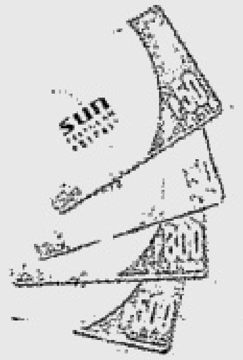

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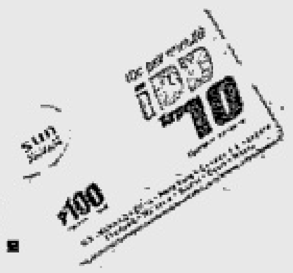

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- In cooperation with GEM senior managers verify geographical, numerical, and financial targets for each Area Office and establish a construction management program for this infrastructure portfolio consisting of: a) monthly and quarterly milestones for each Area Office for each of these factors; b) time-based performance standards for each project type; c) early warning indicators of delay or deviation from established construction norms; d) technical and contractual intervention protocols; and e) criteria for identifying problem projects and corrective action procedures.
- Conduct on-site inspections of projects being constructed, with an emphasis on problem projects and those experiencing delays and deviations; propose and obtain endorsement of corrective actions.
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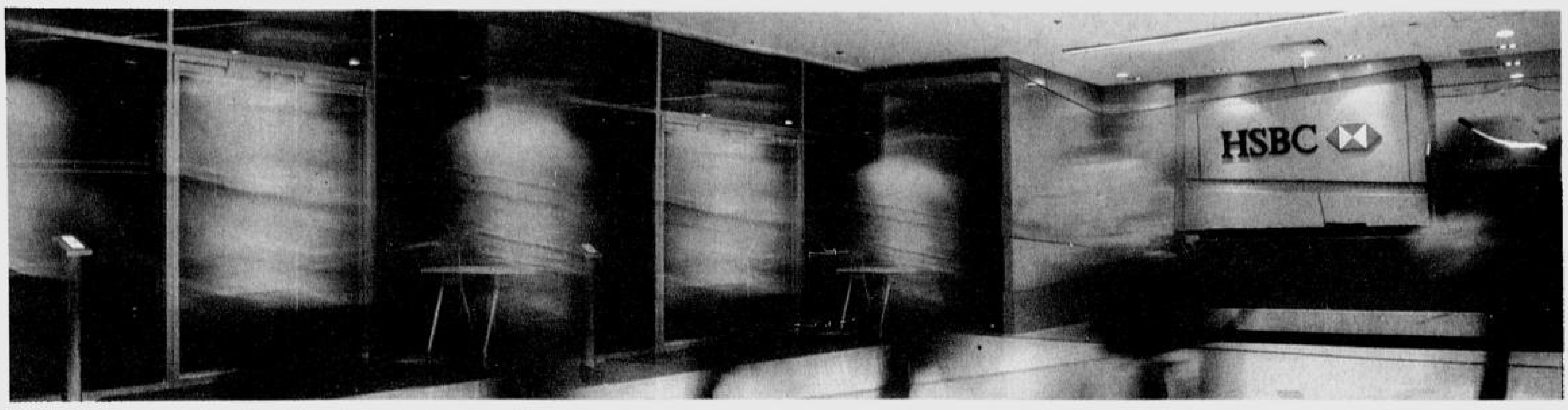

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## Workplace Manager, Visayas

Background:
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The workplace component (component 1) of the project will be implemented nationally and the Visayas Workplace Manager will be responsible for supporting implementation of workplace component activities in the Visayas.

General Tasks:

1. Review the project technical proposal and other relevant background documentation, including USAID/Philippines strategic plan, documents from other relevant projects in the Philippines (past and present) such as CMS, research results on workplace health programs and initiatives, the project's 2nd annual work plan (when completed), DHS reports, etc.
2. Participate in annual project work planning processes.
3. Collaborate with the M&E Specialist to monitor and evaluate workplace component activities in the Visayas.
4. Coordinate with the Visayas Market Development and Private Practice Managers to identify and capitalize on potential synergies in project implementation across components.
5. Coordinate with the Visayas Operations Manager for administrative and managerial matters.
6. Ensure that gender initiatives as defined by the Gender Specialist are properly implemented in all workplace component activities in the Visayas.
7. Work with other technical and management staff to develop approaches and strategies to anticipate, prevent and counteract potential opposition to project activities from social forces such as faith-based groups.
8. Complete other tasks and assignments as deemed appropriate by the Workplace Director.

Specific Tasks

Component 1: Workplace

1. Work with the Associations Liaison Officer to liaise with affiliates of national business associations and industry and trade associations in the Visayas to identify companies that fit the project participation requirements for the workplace component.
2. Assist business associations to promote and implement workplace activities in their members companies in the Visayas.
3. Work with business associations to contact the companies identified as eligible for project participation and assess their interest in participating.
4. Work with the Training Specialist to assess the training needs of companies interested in participating in the project.
5. Make recommendations for participation and training needs of companies in the Visayas.
6. Liaise with project professional staff, especially the Training Specialist, and the Quality Improvement and Assurance Specialist, to facilitate implementation of training, oversee quality and completeness of training activities, and monitor and evaluate workplace results in the Visayas.
7. Work with the BCC and Policy/Outreach Specialists to implement public relations, advocacy and mass media activities in the Visayas.
8. Support the BCC Specialist to implement an assessment of employers, employees, and labor unions with respect to awareness of workplace laws and regulations regarding health and family planning services, and practices with respect to service delivery and demand, and how best to improve practices.
9. Work with labor unions to define strategies by which they can support workplace component activities among participating companies in the Visayas or to enlist their support to encourage reluctant companies to participate.
10. Coordinate with the Visayas Market Development and Private Practice Managers to identify and capitalize on potential synergies in project implementation across components, for example to link workplaces with FP commodity supplies or to refer workers to midwife entrepreneurs for services.

Reporting:

The Visayas Workplace Manager will report directly to Chemonics' Workplace Director or her designee, who will be responsible for monitoring the manager's overall performance.

Qualifications:

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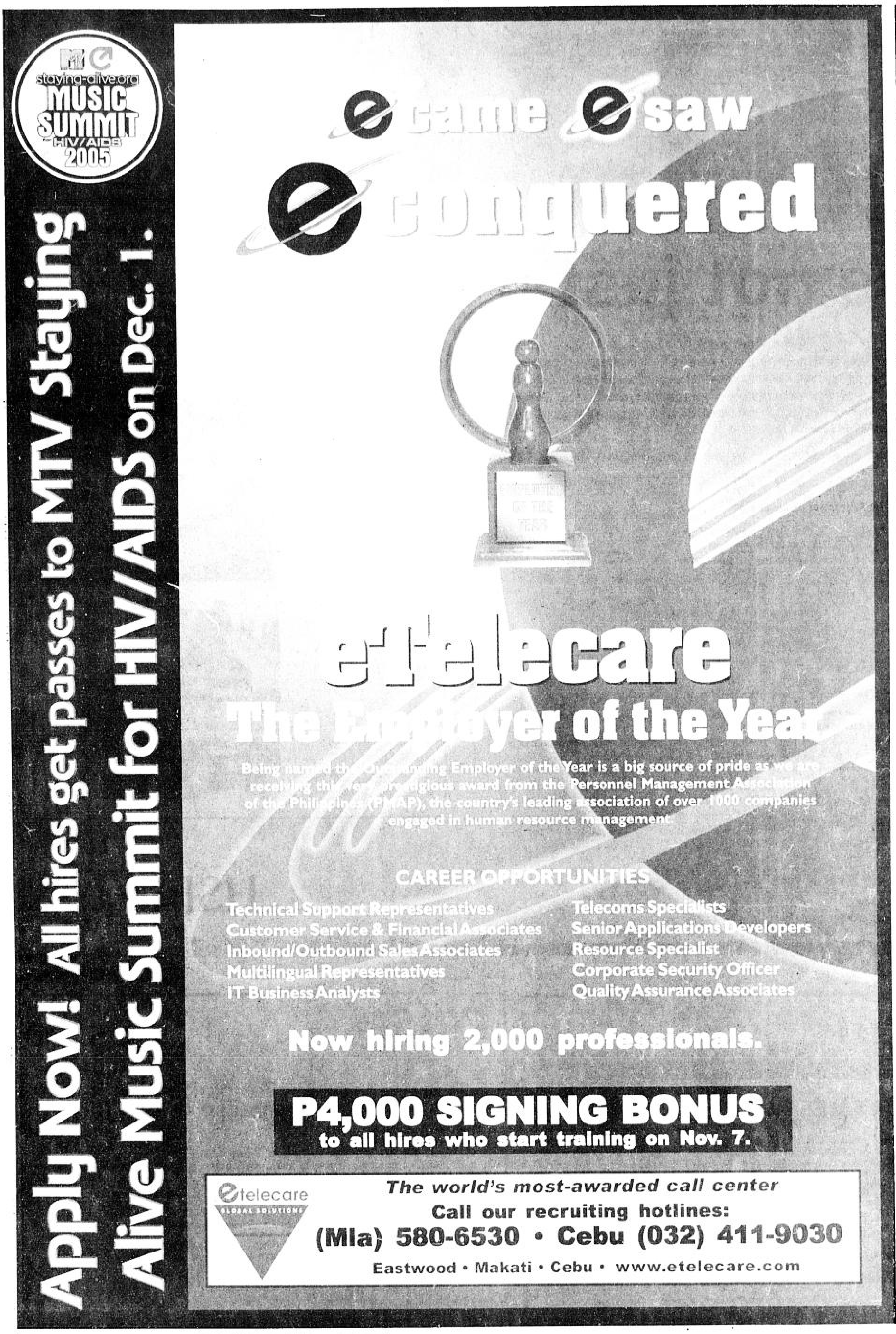

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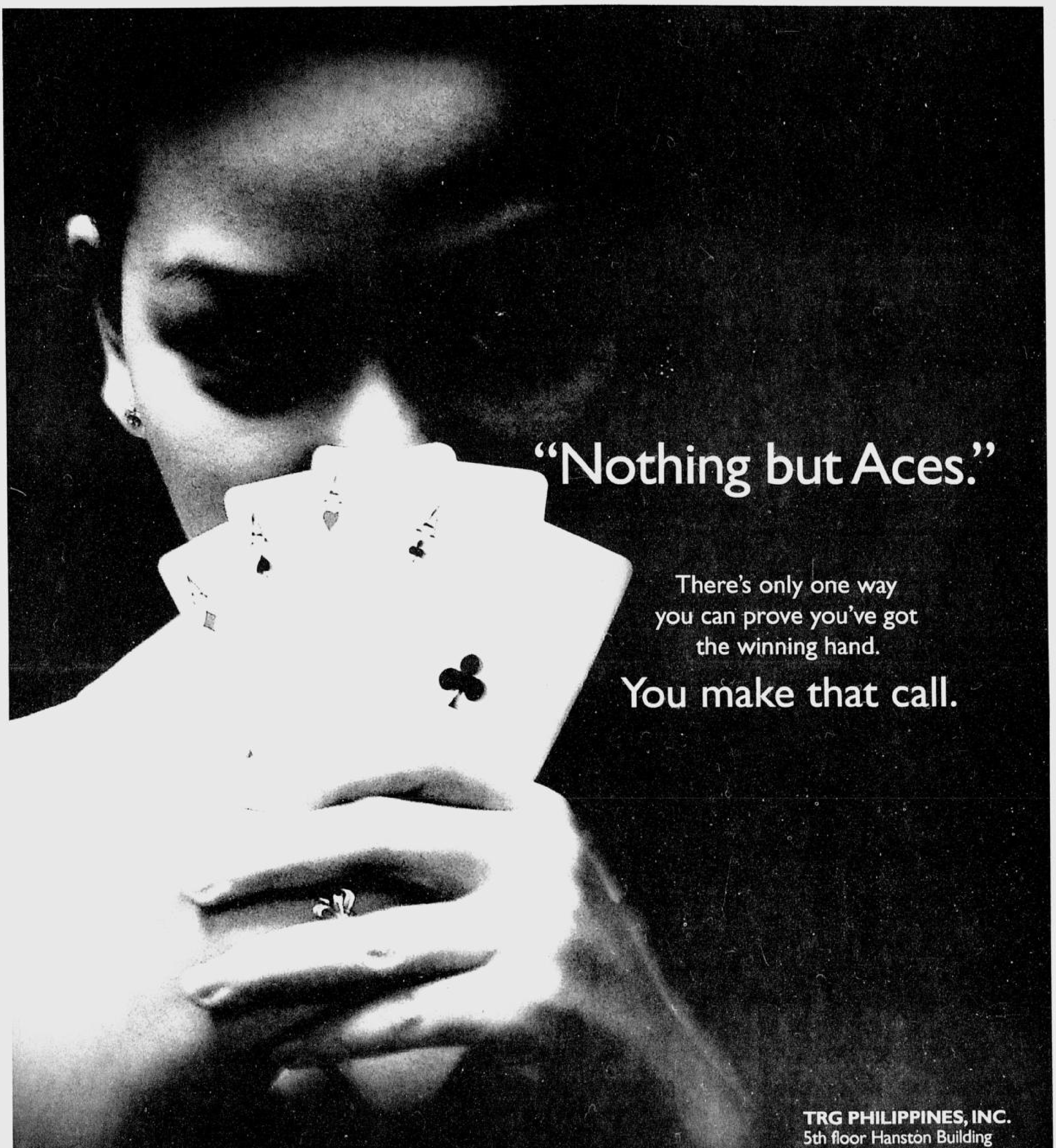

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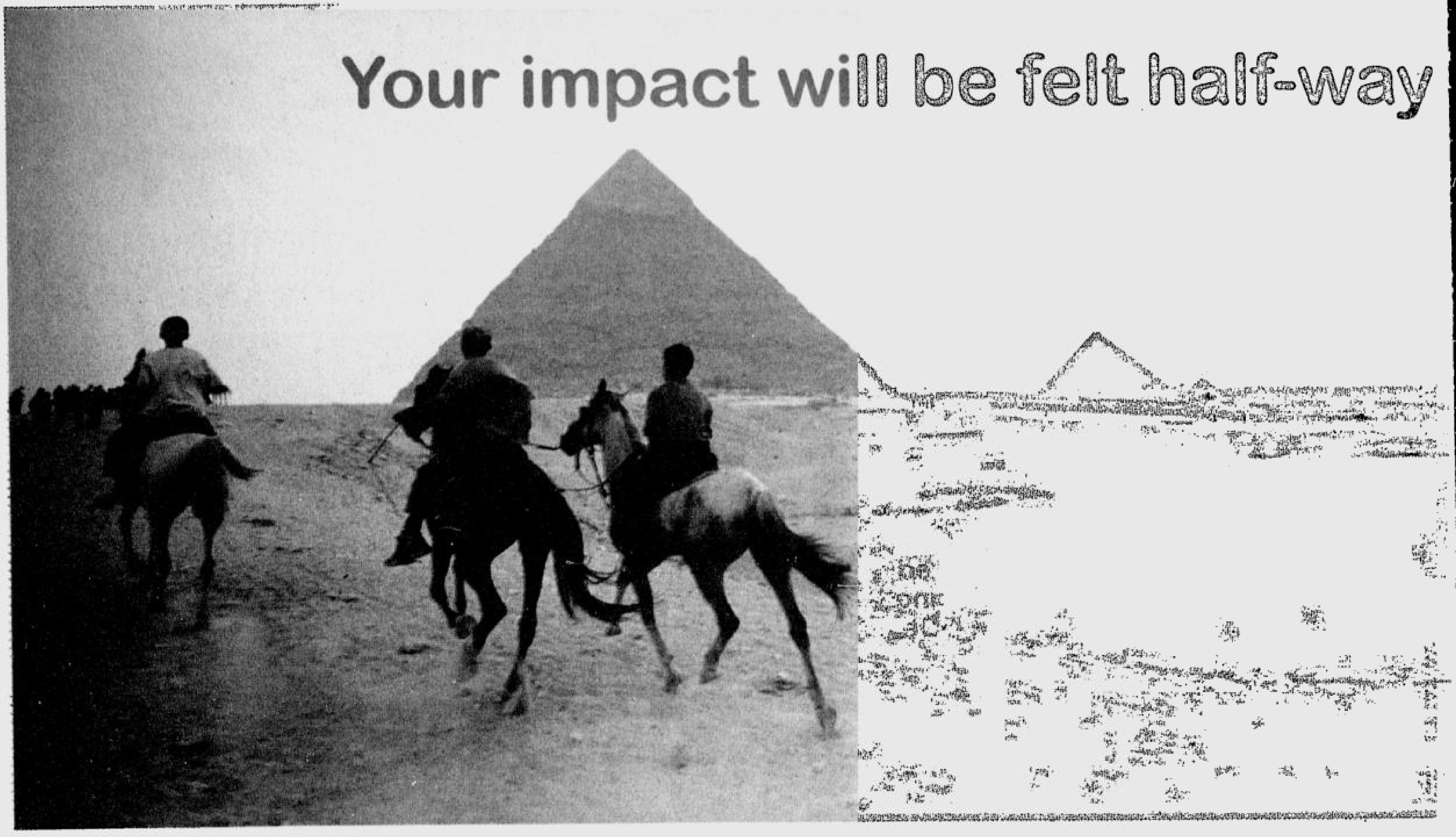
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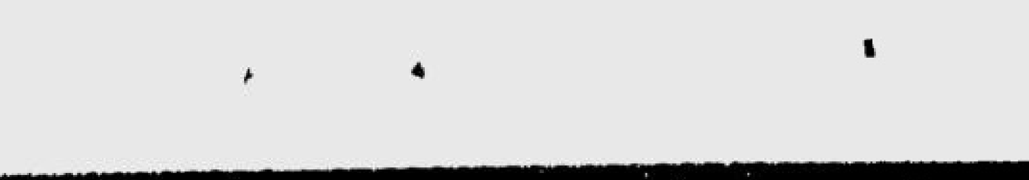
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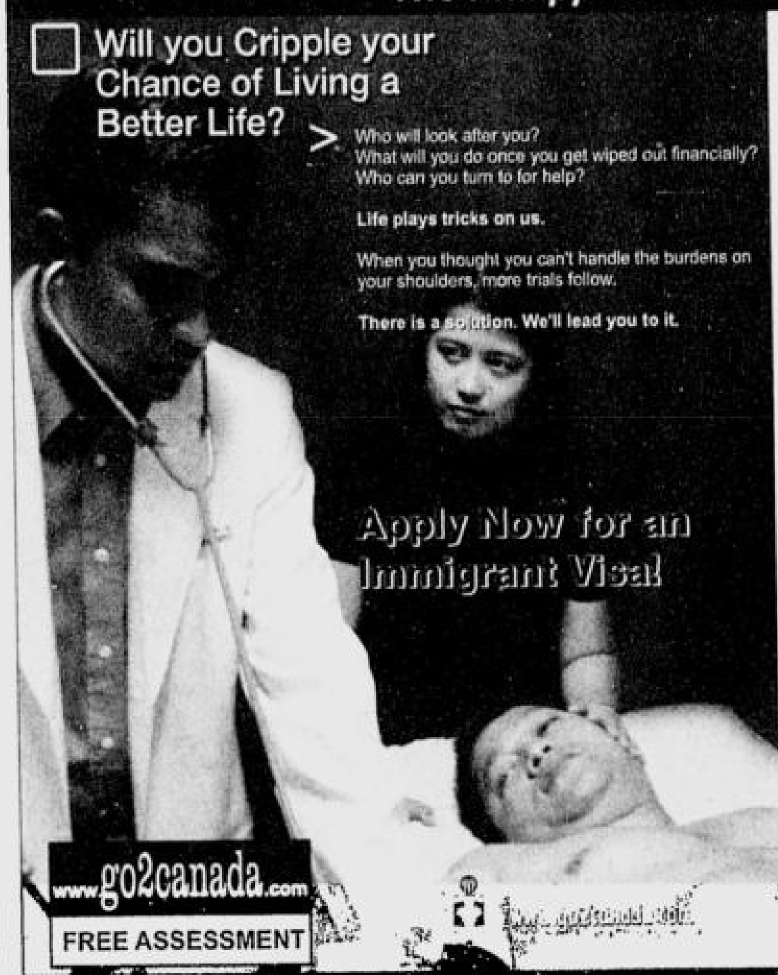

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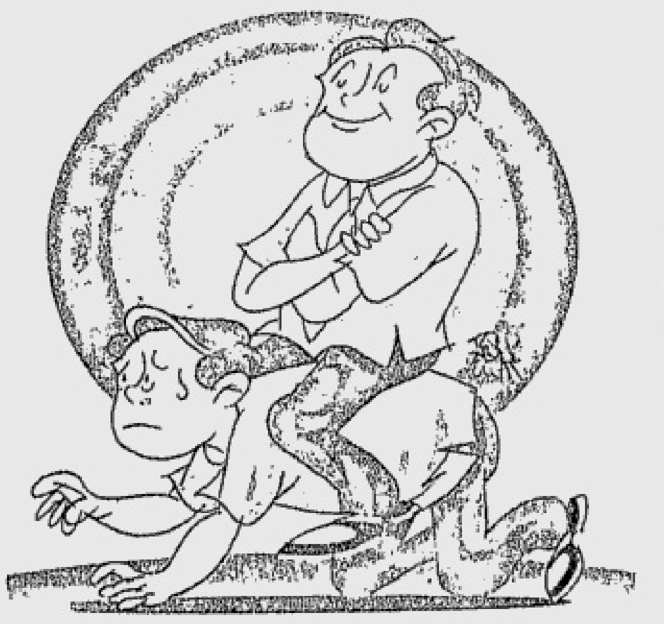
## A promise delivered

**By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS**

ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, BUT ESPECIALLY IN OUR country, media people in general are always given the proverbial places or seats of honor at gatherings. Special treatment could be both a blessing in disguise and an occupational hazard for a journalist. (In fact, when I was a greenhorn in the newspaper industry, I heard a famous writer say that in the Philippines, the two most privileged classes of people are the journalists and the priests).

I, for one, experience firsthand what the Gospel today is saying about humbling or exalting oneself. (Yes, even in such a secular profession as journalism, a practitioner won't be impervious to the teachings of The Master). Privileges are habit forming; before you know it you're hooked and you expect special treatment every time. So, reflecting upon His words, I find that when I am driven by the usual journalistic urge to get ahead of everybody else, to chase a scoop out of habit, I encounter hitches, I get into trouble and at times, even embarrassing situations. But when an assignment so compels me that my driving force would be the desire to serve and nothing less, I "get lucky."

As people of faith we know, of course, that it's not just luck at work here, but the power behind the promise of Jesus. To heed the Master's words is to activate that power that gives reality to the promise. And once that happens, you know, once again, that Jesus is no fictional character in some university archive; Jesus is real, Jesus is alive. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)



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**Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12**

*The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

## The exalted ones

**By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD**

THOSE WHO TRAVEL IN BUSINESS CLASS OR FIRST CLASS are mostly those with more money than others—top rate businessmen or big shots of giant corporations— or those who are so-called great and "exalted" ones. I suppose that these people deserve the privileged status they enjoy because they work very hard and sacrifice for their jobs or businesses. They must have endured hard work and have, therefore, earned special perks and privileges in society.

But what about the simple ordinary workers who are the great majority in the world of work—what kind of "exaltation" can they expect to enjoy from working very hard with sacrifice and dogged dedication to their jobs?

Everyone who humbles himself in the workplace by performing his job in the spirit of service—having the attitude of a servant—will certainly win the favor and appreciation of the management and of coworkers. Those who work with wholehearted dedication even to the extent of physical and mental exhaustion would most likely be "exalted" in the minds and hearts of people around them.

But even if such expressions of humility at the workplace are not recognized and appreciated by the others, the Lord of the work who sees "the hearts of men" and reward each one according to what he deserves will certainly reward these humble ordinary workers with exalted and privileged status in His kingdom. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

# Step into the river of change

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of change and in so doing, change the "river" and ourselves as well.

Change, reinvent, innovate yourself and you will find yourself "going with the flow" and thriving at work and in life.

How do you start innovating yourself, innovating "brand you?" Here are some things you can start with:

1. Realize and accept that you can reinvent yourself. There are many ways to add to your knowledge, acquire new skills, improve your attitudes and behavior, and change your habits and lifestyle for the better. Changing yourself is within your "circle of influence."

2. Be aware of your mental blocks to change brought about by years of negative programming from your childhood to adulthood and created by negative influences at home, in school, at work and in the media. Becoming aware of these blocks will help you remove these obstacles to change.

3. Treasure your thoughts and ideas by keeping a journal and having a notebook handy at all times to record whatever pops in your head. Sometimes, a stream of thought can lead you towards a river of ideas on how you can improve yourself.

4. Learn from your failures. There is a saying that necessity is the mother of invention. When you are boxed into a corner, you will be able to think of other ways out or solutions to your dilemma. When we learn from our failures, they become our best teachers to success.

5. Expand your horizon. Using the power of media like publications, radio, television and the Internet to access stores of information, take an active interest in anything and everything, even if these do not relate to your expertise or field of interest. What you learn from other specialties may give you a fresh perspective on your present work or specialization. Engage in conversations with people who you would not normally talk to. Their perspectives may give a new angle to your own viewpoints.

6. Surround yourself with people, objects and environments that can stimulate your thinking. Ordinary conversations, books, works of art, a beautiful sunrise, or a field of green grass may spark an idea that could lead to your self-improvement.

7. Know that if you have a hundred percent intention of innovating yourself, the mechanisms for it will follow.

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The water in the river of change may be cold at first, but once you're there, you're sure to find a whole new beautiful world.

*(More on these innovation strategies next week.)*

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# High flyer finds career at a plateau

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**ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR**

*Josie O. Santamaria*

**I JOINED OUR COMPANY AT age 20, a college graduate from one of the schools of excellence in our country. I was hired as a management trainee; I was in the talent pool, considered a high flyer and a high potential person. This was told to me in confidence by someone in our HR department. I was promoted to assistant manager in less than two years, then to manager, to assistant vice president—all these in a period of five years.**

**I was asked to assist team leaders in a number of projects. I obtained my MBA when I was only 24 years old. But then I reached a plateau. It's been seven years now and I'm still assistant vice president. My peers have gone on ahead to become vice president, or senior vice president in our company, or its subsidiaries. In fact, one of my peers is now my boss! I'm stuck and don't know how to get out of it. I'm very much devastated. I'm 35 now and I'm afraid that it is difficult for me to compete with younger persons who have high potentials.**

**I tried applying to other companies, but the interviews I've had have not been successful. I get superior and outstanding ratings from performance appraisals. I don't know what's wrong with me. Please give me a no-holds-barred diagnosis of my situation and advice on how to get out of the rut in which I'm in now so that I can have career advancement. Thank you.**

**Mr. Plateau**

Thank you for inviting me to be candid with you. Your letter did not describe your relationship with your boss and previous bosses; neither did it describe your behavior towards other people. You see, to get to the top of the corporate leader, you don't only need a high IQ and technical expertise; you need a heavy dose of EI (emotional intelligence). I can only surmise that it's probably your lack of attention to developing and enhancing your EI that is the reason why you got derailed in your career.

In my book entitled "Managing Your Career to the Top," published by New Day Publishers, I described two important and critical aspects for career advancement: managing one's self and managing one's relationships, especially with your No. 1 customer, your boss. You must get along with everyone, even with your peers and subordinates. In this fast-paced world and dynamic business environment, you never can tell which of your peers or your subordinates will become your boss.

It seems that you have a big "blindspot" i.e., you are unaware of your behavior and how others see you based on your behavior. To make you aware of your style of dealing with people and behavior that you need to change, do two things;

1. Observe how your peers and subordinates behave when you speak. Do they listen to you? Do they ask questions that show interest in what you are saying? Process your words the way you say them. How would you feel if these are told to you by another person?

There are three types of behavior: approach (such as listening, following, asking questions, etc.), aggression which may be active aggression (such as reacting with anger, questioning authority, walking out when someone is speaking, etc.) or passive aggression (such as doing nothing when one is expected to do something, ignoring other people, not attending meetings, etc.), and avoidance (such as walking away to avoid meeting or encountering a person, seeking a transfer to another section or department, resigning, etc.)

You need to be sensitive to these behavioral manifestations of how people think and feel about you. An experience with you in a meeting can be the basis of a paradigm that can "type" you.

2. Ask for feedback in a spirit of humility. You can ask your former bosses and your peers about what they saw you do that rubbed them the wrong way. You can say, "I'll appreciate very much if you tell me what is it I do or say that you feel I need to change." Then, listen attentively. Accept what they tell you; do not confront them, ask for evidence or become defensive.

Dr. Daniel Goleman, who is credited for his pioneering research on EI in organizations, identified four components of EI: self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness and social skills. You can read his book on emotional intelligence so you can have an understanding of these components.

Maybe you can start your change process with your subordinates, since they are within your circle of influence. I suggest that you

1. Have a one-on-one talk with each one. Ask open-ended questions, such as: How do you find your work? What do you like about it? What can be improved? Tell me about your family. What do you want to be in the future? What do you aspire to be? Listen to their words and tone of voice and look at their eyes and body language. Then, paraphrase or summarize what they said. What do their tone of voice, facial expression and body language, say about their feelings and emotions?

2. Observe their work habits and analyze their performance. What positive things are they doing? Tell them; affirm them; express your appreciation by using I-message language. For example, "I like the way you do this..." And when you say this, make sure you are looking at the person, with a smile on your face.

If a subordinate does a task poorly or not according to standards, call him or her privately. Use again the I-message language. For example: I'm not happy with the report you just submitted because of the following... What can you do to improve it? Then, listen and paraphrase. Add your own suggestions and directions.

3. Set aside some time at least once a month to socialize with your subordinates. You can do this by having lunch together, even on Dutch treat although you can offer to pay for the dessert.

4. Talk humbly with your present boss whom you said had been your peer. Tell him or her that you want to be an asset to him or her and ask what he or she wants you to do. Ask for feedback on your work performance.

There are many self-help books on how to develop and raise your EI which, happily, can be changed if you have a strong motivation to do so. There are many books on leadership that offer "do-able" tips on personal and interpersonal effectiveness. I find the leadership books of John Maxwell very encouraging and uplifting. My own book on "Managing Your Career to the Top" is also an example of a self-help book. Above all, pray to God and ask Him for the grace to see and accept the truth about your self, and for the grace to change yourself. God bless you.

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# *What are the new rules for a successful career?*

**WORKING WOUNDED**

*Bob Rosner*

**DEAR WW: I hate my job. But I've got a mortgage and braces to pay for. Should I just suck it up and accept that a paycheck requires a certain amount of pain?**

**Unhappy**

Your e-mail reminded me of Richard Arrendondo. He's an 18-year-old Californian who recently got lost mountain biking in the San Bernardino National Forest. He and his two buddies had to be rescued by the local sheriff. The next day, Richard and his pals went back to retrieve their bikes. You guessed it, they got lost again and had to be rescued.

Unfortunately, many of our careers follow the same path as Mr. Arrendondo's bike misadventures. We keep going to the same place, getting lost and needing to be rescued. There is a different way to approach your career. I've outlined five "unusual" strategies for a successful career below. For more, check out Frodsham and Gargiulo's book "Make it Work" (Davies-Black, 2005).

Feedback won't just happen, you've got to ask for it. Feedback isn't easy to receive and, ironically, it's often even harder to give. So you can't just assume that people will tell you the good, the bad or even the ugly about you at work. So you've got to ask them—early and often.

It's not about work/life balance, it's about finding your life's work. Frodsham and Gargiulo make an important point: if you love what you are doing, it isn't work. It's your passion. And isn't pursuing your passion what life is all about? So rather than lamenting the lack of balance between your work and your life, these authors suggest that you need to find your passion and put it to work.

Every organization needs someone to rock the boat. Homeruns are seldom hit by bureaucrats. Sure, organizations need company people who can keep the trains running on time. But they also need creative types who can shake up the status quo and create new opportunities for the organization to find revenue, create new markets and to help the organization find the next big thing.

You can't plan a great career, so be ready to improvise. Don't believe me? Think about the Internet or cell phones. High definition TV and satellite radio. All of these industries didn't exist a decade ago and today they comprise a big part of today's economy. It is no different with your career. Keep your eye on the horizon for new products, services, markets and opportunities to contribute.

Dreaming is required. How many times has someone told you to stop dreaming? They told you as a kid and now they tell you at work. Since I've created my last 10 jobs (including the opportunity to write this column), dreams are what has paid my salary for the last 25 years. Dreaming isn't a luxury; it's how you get ahead at work today.

Follow these tips and your career won't be a lost cause. It will have purpose and a clear direction.

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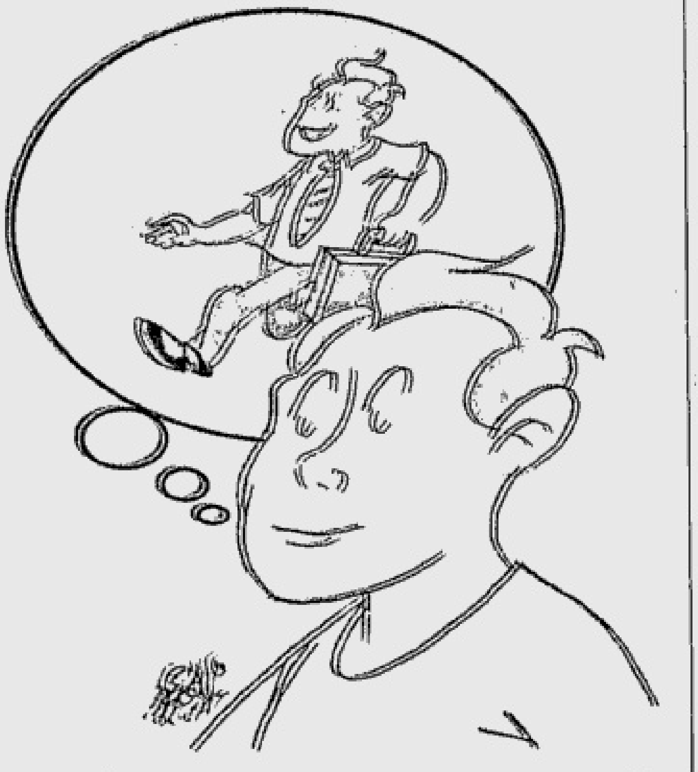

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## INNOVATING BRAND 'YOU'

# Step into the river of change

**By Regina Galang Reyes**
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CHANGE HAPPENS. EACH nanosecond that the universe spins, everything and everyone changes. Long ago, Heraclitus, the Ephesian philosopher said to be a contemporary of Confucius and Lao Tzu, discovered and acknowledged this truth and said, "You can't step into the same river twice." He used the metaphor of a river to explain the constancy of change. If you stand on a river's embankment and look at it intently, you will observe that water flows through a river all the time; the river may appear the same but the water flowing through it at that point of the river will always be different.

And so it is with the universe and its systems, the world and humanity, countries and its citizens, your work and life.

Change happens whether we like it or not. If we do not initiate or be part of change, it is often thrust upon us. However, many refuse to accept this reality. If we are successful, we think, "If it ain't broke, why fix it?" If we are failures, we think nothing can help us succeed. Sometimes, we cannot comprehend that what worked yesterday, may not work today. And what could be monumental failures today may be tomorrow's resounding success.

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### Surviving and thriving

This same principle applies as well at work and in life. We are all faced with the challenges of surviving and thriving in the world. We are constantly trying to earn a living to support our desired quality of life whether we are just graduates looking for our first jobs or yuppies looking for better careers or middle-aged retired employees hoping to be able to earn just enough to support our twilight years.

But how can we best face these challenges? Going back to the Heraclitus' river, perhaps the answer to these challenges is to simply step into the river ourselves. Immerse ourselves in the river

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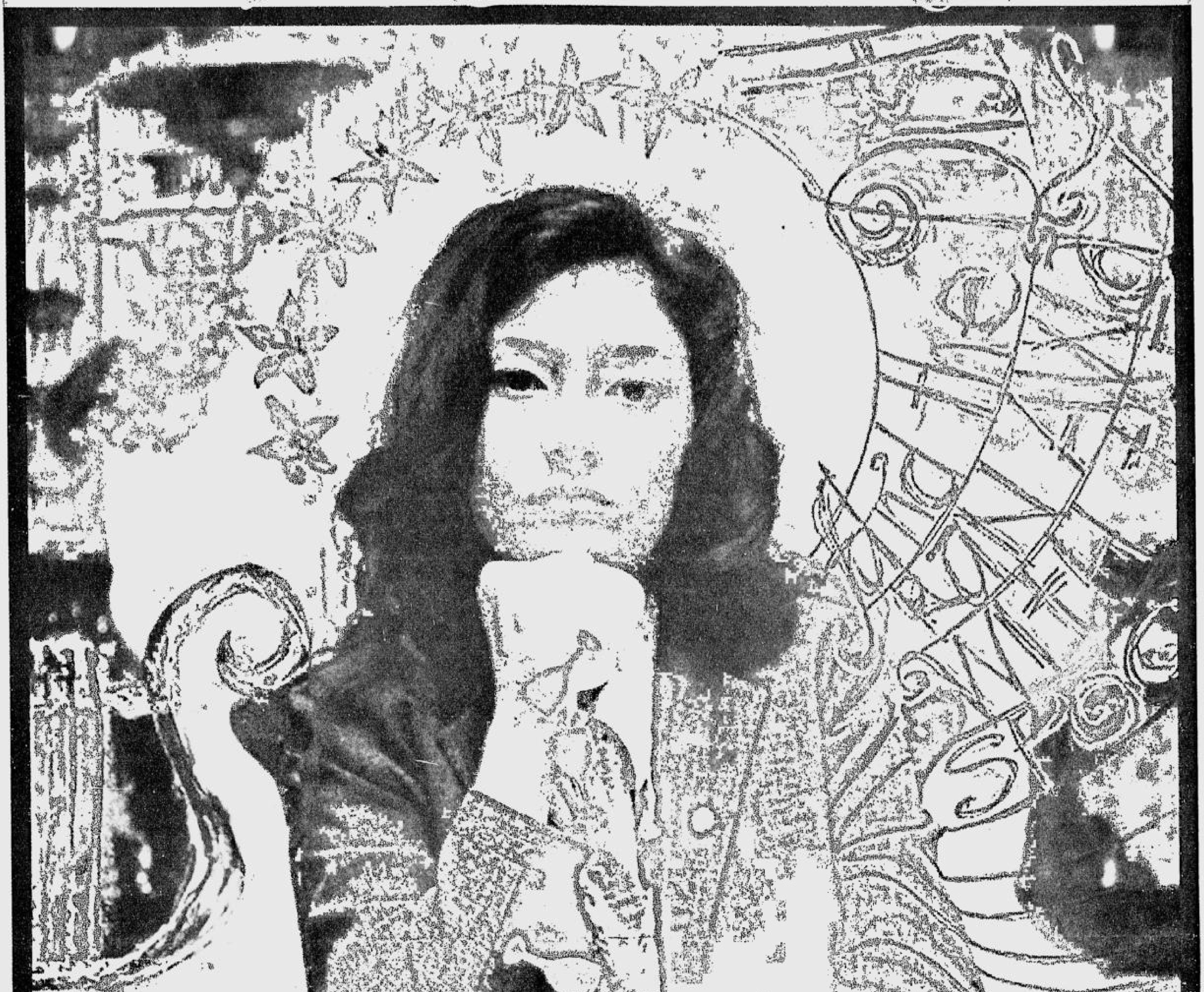
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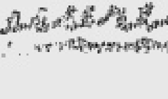

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**"I'M NOT much of a fan of reality," says Wawi Navarroza. "The line between fiction and nonfiction doesn't really matter to me."**

**Strange thing for a photographer to say, considering that for most people, a photograph is nothing more than a two-dimensional slice of "reality."**

But more often than not, Navarroza's pictures seek to lend form and substance to more elusive inner states. One of her exhibits, for instance, titled "Polysaccharide: The Dollhouse Drama," consisted of luminescent black-and-white prints depicting a sequence of dream-like images that draw the attuned viewer in, like a portal to a parallel dimension, or a doorway leading into the artist's headspace.

"I'd like to think that most of my pictures are poems," says the 26-year-old freelance photographer, who is perhaps better known as the vocalist for the cult indie band The Late Isabel. "I really love stories and storytelling. I think myths should still have a place in the modern world. I wanted to tell a story of a very interior world."

### Multi-faceted

Such pronouncements are not likely to help Navarroza shed her image as an "ethereal girl" (or what the Brits condescendingly refer to as an "art-wanker"). Such are the perils faced by your average post-modern art person, specially one as multi-faceted as Navarroza. Apart from making photographs and music, she also dabbles in performance art and is something of a fashion icon, having been singled out by the MTV Asia Style Awards for the dubious distinction of having "Divastyle," whatever that is.

"There was a time when I would really go out of my way to explain myself," she says. "But then I realized that the more I said, the more the picture seems to get blurry, especially with all the things I'm doing. Some people think I'm mainly a singer, other people think I'm a fashionista. The rare bunch who really know me know that the heart of my work is photography."

For the past five years, Navarroza has been freelancing, doing mostly fashion spreads for glossy magazines, while continuing to pursue her personal work in spite of the nonexistent market and few venues for art photography.

"In a sense I'm reclaiming my roots, because my *lolo* was the quintessential town photographer in Bato, Leyte," she says.

Since her grandfather died when she was young, the connection is mainly a spiritual one, handed down to her through his surviving photographs and negatives. The youngest of two children of entrepreneurs, she grew up in Manila, attending a Catholic all-girls high school where the molding of her sensibilities began.

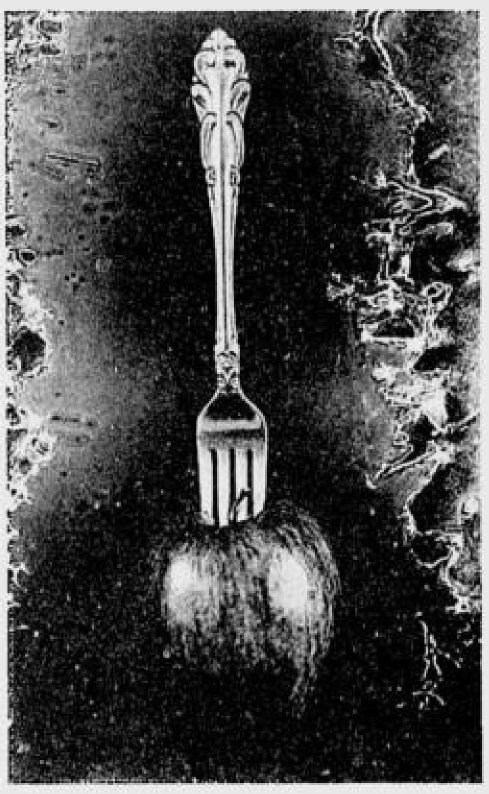
**She's an innovative photographer, a singer with a cult band, and a fashionista with a distinctive style. Yet this multitalented young woman is still at her most creative as a solitary soul in the playground of her imagination**

Through a lens, darkly: "2x2," a self-portrait (top), "My Valentine Has Hollow Eyes" (below), with The Late Isabel (bottom left); cover photograph: "Back of the Class 04," another self-portrait combining images and words

"I was part geek, part student leader, part trying to be cool," she recalls of her adolescence. "I'd be a member of the student council and a CAT officer, but I'd dye my hair red and try to make friends with the 'bad' girls."

By the time she hit college at De La Salle University, where she enrolled in Communication Arts, she was pretty much cast in the mold of the "sensitive loner."

"They thought I was a weirdo," she recalls. "I was wearing a lot of black and they thought I was a Satanist."



Navarroza was initially attracted to film, but one of her teachers—artist-curator Judy Sibayan—steered her toward photography, and it turned out to be the perfect fit for her emerging persona. She was hooked on the whole "romantic process" of taking a photograph and spending hours of isolation in the darkroom, bathed in the faint red glow of a safelight, and watching the final image emerge after manipulating film, paper and chemicals.

"I think the roots of photography are in alchemy," she says.

In a way, that hits the mark because the photographer is essentially trying to transmute base metal—the silver particles in film and photographic paper—into something more.

### Loud guitar music

At the same time, through her older brother who listened to Metallica and Black Sabbath and had friends over for jam sessions, Navarroza got into loud guitar music. In school she started playing session bass for a band called Prominence of Cathedrals, although it was the first time she had held a bass guitar. After a couple of years knocking around the band scene, she was approached by writer and guitarist Allan Hernandez, who asked her if she would like to join his band The Late Isabel Delgado (the name was later shortened to its present length).

"We connected on the visual level, because he described to me what the music was like in terms of images," she recalls.

The next couple of years were devoted to what she describes as "indie hell," playing gigs for peanuts while trying to scrape together enough funds to record an album, the familiar dues-paying scenario for every struggling indie band. The Late Isabel shopped around its demo, and was promptly rejected by every major label as having no commercial potential whatsoever. Undaunted, the members released their debut album "Doll's Head" independently, slowly building a small but devoted cult. (Since then the band has entered into a distribution deal with Galaxy Records, and is currently working on its second album, due for release soon.)

In the meantime, she was also developing her own distinctive style as a photographer. For her thesis, she spent six months on a folio of 21 photographs depicting the Major Arcana of the Tarot, each one an elaborately staged and meticulously art-directed self portrait in black-and-white infrared film. The project stemmed from her interest in Jungian psychology and the archetypes.

Her mentors were impressed enough to recommend her to various publications upon her graduation, and she soon landed her present gig as a freelance advertising and editorial photographer.

### Dancing in the dark

By necessity, Navarroza works with both film and digital images, and uses everything from toy cameras to a twin-lens reflex to 35mm. But she retains a special fondness for black-and-white film and the whole alchemical darkroom process.

"The darkroom is a pretty surreal place to be in," she says. "It's like dancing in the dark, dodging and burning and losing all sense of time."

At least one foot, however, remains earthbound. Her most recent exhibit, titled "Hallelujah Musika!", consisted of portraits and snapshots from the demimonde haunted by her fellow musicians. One of her dream projects is to compile a photo documentary of Amerasians in the Philippines, a collective portrait of this marginalized group. But whether the pictures are grounded in external realities or wholly of her inner world, Navarroza tries to give each print her personal stamp.

"Most of my photographs are very personal in nature," she adds. "It's about my imaginary landscape, my world. Before I set out to do an image, I have a pretty clear idea of it in my head. I'm a recluse in a way, so most of my photographs are just mirrors of me and my thoughts."

She means this both figuratively and literally, since she often ends up doing self portraits. It's not so much an ego trip as a journey of self-discovery and self-expression.

"On a practical basis, I have no choice, because I am my own best representation," she says. "I have stories in my head, and I want to create a tableau. But I don't really go out. I live in a cocoon. I'm very solitary, so it's a practical choice to take self-portraits."

In a world where everyone is constantly bombarded with thousands of images by the mass media every single day, the photograph is often devalued.

"My teachers used to ask us: Why make images?" Navarroza says. "Because we are creatures of meaning. When you deal with meaning, it solidifies you as a human being."

She continues: "When the viewer sees himself in the work of a photographer, that's when your work is done." Q

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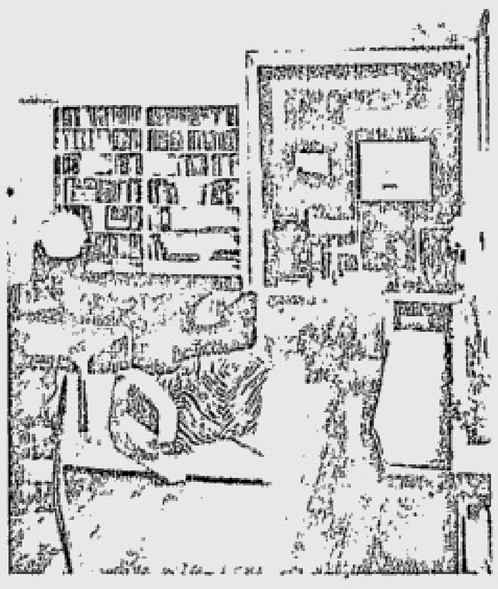

**TIMELESS EXPRESSIONS**

The Embassy of Finland presents the traveling exhibition "Alvar Aalto: Timeless Expressions" at the fourth floor galleries of Ayala Museum until Nov. 13. The exhibit highlights 16 one family-houses designed by Alvar Aalto starting from the Manner House (1923), going via Villa Mairea to Villa Skeppet, which is from the early '70s. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

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## Ulat Mula sa San Roque

*"Doon po sa amin bayan ng San Roque,*
*May nagkatuwaang apat na pulubi..."*
*—Awiting Bayan*

Wala, wala na pong apat na pulubi
sapagkat umabot sa milyon ang dami.

Dito sa San Roque, sinasaluduhan
ang banal-banalan at patay-patayan.

Sa nagkunwang bulag, bingi, pipi, lumpo,
ang amoy ng pera ang tanging mabango.

Nabundat pang lalo ang iilang bundat,
ang mayorya'y lalo't lalong buto't balat.

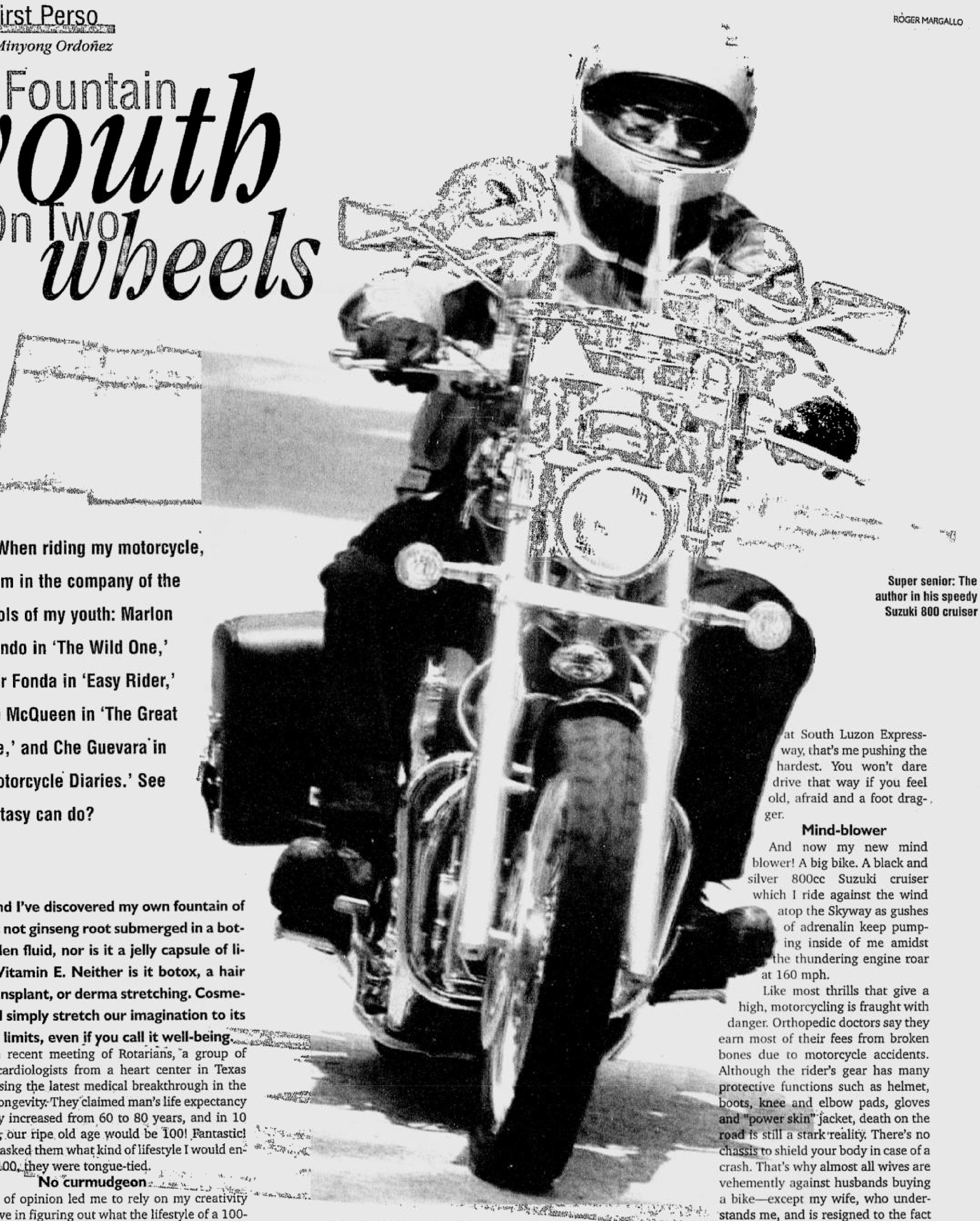
May hustisya ritong lima ang haligi,
pawang inaanay katulad ng dati.

Kaya ang bayan pong lubhang maralita
ay walang pag-asa kung walang himala.

**Lamberto E. Antonio**

*by Minyong Ordoñez*

# My Fountain of *youth* On Two *wheels*



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A proven youth booster is the thrill of speed—the fast and furious type, where cars are all souped up, all dressed like road demons, varooming with racetrack sounds, stirring up the speed maniac in me. And lo! I stumbled upon a 1992 Mini Cooper in an auto exchange in Edsa. Mini Coopers created a sensation in the early '60s by winning slalom races at Nichols Airbase.

The brainchild of a Brit, Sir Alec Issigonis, the Mini combined maximum space inside and the most compact dimension outside. It's a no-frills car, austere in looks and built safe. It hugs the road like a leech and takes chicane turns without a quibble. In the '60s, the Mini became a fashion icon driven by the Beatles and Peter Sellers. Then it became a rally and racing car, thanks to the work of Formula One designer John Cooper, who lent his name to the Mini. Since then power and speed enthusiasts have turned the Mini Cooper into a little devil on the road.

The Mini inspired Hollywood to make car chase and mayhem movies, "The Italian Job" and "The Bourne Identity," which demonstrated the speed and agility of the Mini Cooper racing on the sidewalks, inside tunnels and along the narrow streets of Europe. Funny man Mr. Bean can change from pajamas to business suit while at the wheel of a Mini.

To achieve racetrack speed, I replaced my Mini Cooper's 998 engine with a more powerful and racy 1.366 HP racing engine. If you see a tiny white square car with a black roof and wide tires overtaking speeding buses at South Luzon Expressway, that's me pushing the hardest. You won't dare drive that way if you feel old, afraid and a foot dragger.

### Mind-blower

And now my new mind blower! A big bike. A black and silver 800cc Suzuki cruiser which I ride against the wind atop the Skyway as gushes of adrenalin keep pumping inside of me amidst the thundering engine roar at 160 mph.

Like most thrills that give a high, motorcycling is fraught with danger. Orthopedic doctors say they earn most of their fees from broken bones due to motorcycle accidents. Although the rider's gear has many protective functions such as helmet, boots, knee and elbow pads, gloves and "power skin" jacket, death on the road is still a stark reality. There's no chassis to shield your body in case of a crash. That's why almost all wives are vehemently against husbands buying a bike—except my wife, who understands me, and is resigned to the fact that I'm hard-headed and stubborn. When I want something with a passion, I'm unstoppable.

Like many thrilling and precision sports, biking entails discipline. I follow the code that an excellent rider is a safe rider. I had to train and retrain in handling my machine until I became familiar with it. I practiced daily, observing the machine's behavior under all traffic conditions. Each time I'm on the road, my visual orientation is unusually sharp: 160 degrees all around, 10-50 meters eye familiarity up front, regular glances at left and right rear mirrors. I have full awareness of my riding spaces at all angles. My alertness and anticipation on the road are constant.

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A proven youth booster is the thrill of speed—the fast and furious type, where cars are all souped up, all dressed like road demons, varooming with racetrack sounds, stirring up the speed maniac in me. And lo! I stumbled upon a 1992 Mini Cooper in an auto exchange in Edsa. Mini Coopers created a sensation in the early '60s by winning slalom races at Nichols Airbase.

The brainchild of a Brit, Sir Alec Issigonis, the Mini combined maximum space inside and the most compact dimension outside. It's a no-frills car, austere in looks and built safe. It hugs the road like a leech and takes chicane turns without a quibble. In the '60s, the Mini became a fashion icon driven by the Beatles and Peter Sellers. Then it became a rally and racing car, thanks to the work of Formula One designer John Cooper, who lent his name to the Mini. Since then power and speed enthusiasts have turned the Mini Cooper into a little devil on the road.

The Mini inspired Hollywood to make car chase and mayhem movies, "The Italian Job" and "The Bourne Identity," which demonstrated the speed and agility of the Mini Cooper racing on the sidewalks, inside tunnels and along the narrow streets of Europe. Funny man Mr. Bean can change from pajamas to business suit while at the wheel of a Mini.

To achieve racetrack speed, I replaced my Mini Cooper's 998 engine with a more powerful and racy 1.366 HP racing engine. If you see a tiny white square car with a black roof and wide tires overtaking speeding buses at South Luzon Expressway, that's me pushing the hardest. You won't dare drive that way if you feel old, afraid and a foot dragger.

### Mind-blower

And now my new mind blower! A big bike. A black and silver 800cc Suzuki cruiser which I ride against the wind atop the Skyway as gushes of adrenalin keep pumping inside of me amidst the thundering engine roar at 160 mph.

Like most thrills that give a high, motorcycling is fraught with danger. Orthopedic doctors say they earn most of their fees from broken bones due to motorcycle accidents. Although the rider's gear has many protective functions such as helmet, boots, knee and elbow pads, gloves and "power skin" jacket, death on the road is still a stark reality. There's no chassis to shield your body in case of a crash. That's why almost all wives are vehemently against husbands buying a bike—except my wife, who understands me, and is resigned to the fact that I'm hard-headed and stubborn. When I want something with a passion, I'm unstoppable.

Like many thrilling and precision sports, biking entails discipline. I follow the code that an excellent rider is a safe rider. I had to train and retrain in handling my machine until I became familiar with it. I practiced daily, observing the machine's behavior under all traffic conditions. Each time I'm on the road, my visual orientation is unusually sharp: 160 degrees all around, 10-50 meters eye familiarity up front, regular glances at left and right rear mirrors. I have full awareness of my riding spaces at all angles. My alertness and anticipation on the road are constant.

Mental and visual focus is another perfect antidote for forgetfulness and poor concentration common among old people.

When riding my motorcycle, I'm in the company of the idols of my youth: Marlon Brando in "The Wild One," Peter Fonda in "Easy Rider," Steve McQueen in "The Great Escape," and Che Guevara in "The Motorcycle Diaries." See what fantasy can do?

Remember, the fountain of youth is real. Create it yourself. Just remember—change the attitude, revive confidence, bring back energy of body, feed the mind, and set the spirit free. And before you mount the bike, don't forget to say a prayer to your guardian angel. Q

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**GUYITO, the official mascot of the Philippine Daily INQUIRER, takes centerstage as the newspaper marks its 20th anniversary in December. Festivities will be highlighted by the unveiling of 20 Guyito carabao sculptures based on the character created by chief cartoonist Jess Abrera, and translated into the three-dimensional version by sculptor Juan Sajid Imao.**

*The INQUIRER has invited 20 of the country's veteran and emerging artists to paint the fiberglass sculptures based on the anniversary theme, "The Power of Knowing." They are: Malang, Bencab, Kidlat Tahimik, Fernando Sena, Salvador Convocar, Soler, Steve Santos, Caña, Lydia Velasco, Ernesto Patricio, Bing Siochi, Roel Obemio, Tres Roman, Wilfredo Offemaria, Bin Samonte, Jef Samonte, Romeo Forbes, Rex T atlonghari, Anton Balao and Jack Salud.*

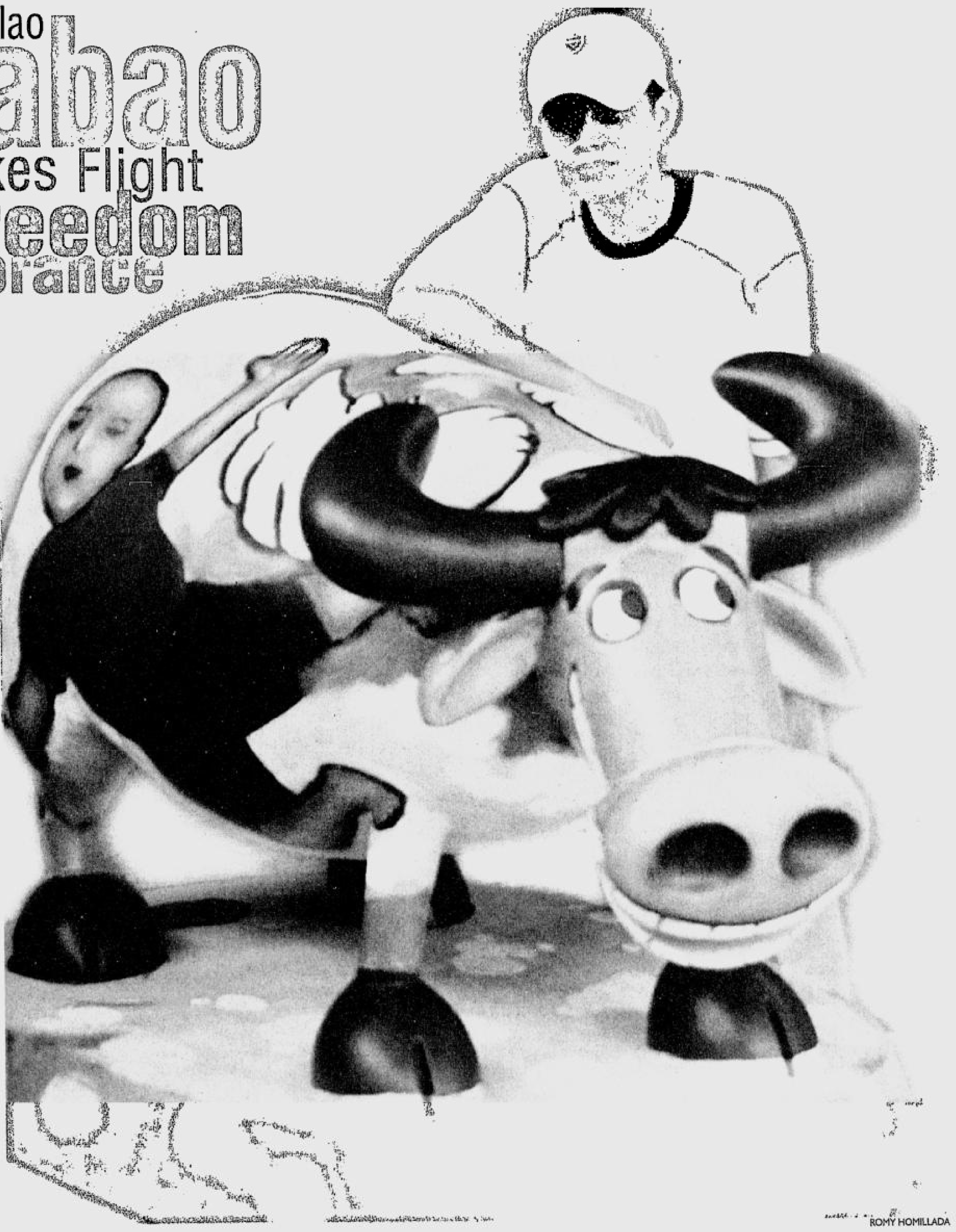
*The carabao sculptures will be donated to 20 selected cities/municipalities nationwide, to be chosen based on their high schools' rankings in the Regional Finals of the Quiz Bee Competition. Miniature versions of the Guyito sculptures will be given to the top 20 companies that have supported the INQUIRER in the past two decades.*

*From January to May 2006, INQUIRER representatives will visit the 20 selected schools/cities to turn over the sculptures. In addition, an INQUIRER Campus Journalism Workshop will be held in each school. The one-day lecture/workshop will feature INQUIRER reporters, editors and columnists who will discuss specific journalism topics and share their expertise on effective writing, editing and layouting. The number of student participants will be determined by the school's available venue. Delegates will be given a handbook on journalism styles, methods, ethics and best practices.*

*INQUIRER president Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez said the complement of anniversary activities underscores the need for knowledge. In marking its 20th year, INQUIRER particularly hopes to motivate students to become achievers. "Through these projects, we hope to inspire the young to value reading and use it as a tool to attaining their dreams."*

*Sunday INQUIRER Magazine profiles the artists who have made the Guyito undertaking possible.*

# Anton Balao
# Carabao Takes Flight To Freedom From Ignorance



ROMY HOMILLADA

*by Christian V. Esguerra*

**HERE'S a carabao on a high. Literally.**

**He's got wings. He carries kids on his back. And he's got that over-stretched grin of Shrek's donkey buddy.**

**He's definitely on Cloud 9, and in the mind of young painter Anton Balao, this best describes Guyito, the INQUIRER's omnipresent and talkative mascot.**

"He is all about freedom of expression," Balao says, noting that that the carabao has an opinion on just about anything—politics, economics, sports, religion, fashion or liposuction.

Balao, 27, admits that he, too, is a Guyito follower, so much so that when he was invited to dress up the figure, he was thrilled.

"I felt honored, especially because my work would be showcased with those of the masters," said the quiet, unassuming, boyish-looking Fine Arts graduate of the University of Santo Tomas.

Besides, it's not every day that one gets to command acrylic on a three-dimensional carabao sculpture, even getting one's face close to its rear end in the process!

He labored on the figure for four days in the family garage in Fairview, Quezon City, but contemplating the theme of the Guyito project, "The Power of Knowing," and coming up with an artistic approach took about a month.

### Magic wand

The artist is used to flat surfaces, comfortably wielding a palette knife like it's a magic wand. But for Guyito, he was limited to acrylic, because it's the only medium that will truly stick and last on an uneven fiberglass surface.

A guitarist and drummer in college, Balao got his idea from a familiar inspiration: Bob Marley.

"Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery/None but ourselves can free our minds": These are the lyrics of Marley's "Redemption Song," which kept ringing in his head. Soon the line seemed to have insinuated itself on the bare, expressionless carabao sculpture in front of him.

**This soft-spoken young artist painted his exhilarated Guyito in bright colors, and literally gave him wings to fly**

First, he painted the body with clouds, which communicated his basic idea of freedom.

Then he gave Guyito wings, probably to enable him to symbolically carry in his flight three children lying on his body, the first two on either side and the third one on the back.

Each kid wears a shirt representing the colors of the Philippine flag, red, blue and yellow. Balao says it was his way of situating his take on freedom and knowledge in the national milieu.

"The amount of knowledge one chooses to gain is boundless," he explains his idea of sending a carabao metaphorically up into the air. "Great heights may be reached when there is freedom from ignorance."

Balao's rendition is probably the happiest of the 20 figures set to be displayed as part of the INQUIRER's 20th anniversary in December.

### A free mind

The carabao grins from ear to ear, flashing its shiny white teeth. The tongue is as red as a cherry. The eyes are rolled to the left, as if saying, "See how freedom feels? It's exhilarating!"

Balao's take on the importance of a free mind is apparently suited to the Philippine condition.

But he refuses to limit the message of his work. Besides, the lesson applies to all of humanity, to the wise and the fool, wherever they may be, he says. "Knowledge is for free and makes one free," Balao points out.

Back in college at UST, Balao knew he had talent. He saw things differently, knew what was beautiful and pretentious in an artwork. But he just didn't take painting that seriously.

Several contests and much exposure to the works of other artists later, Balao found himself painting for a living. That was in 2000, just a year after his graduation.

He went on to join The Artery Manila, a group of young artists mostly in their twenties. He has since joined group exhibits, staging in particular "Duet in Dreams" in 2002, a joint show with Romeo Forbes (another artist who has done wonders with Guyito). The show was a hit, and Balao became known for his romantic, moody works which have garnered their own share of collectors.

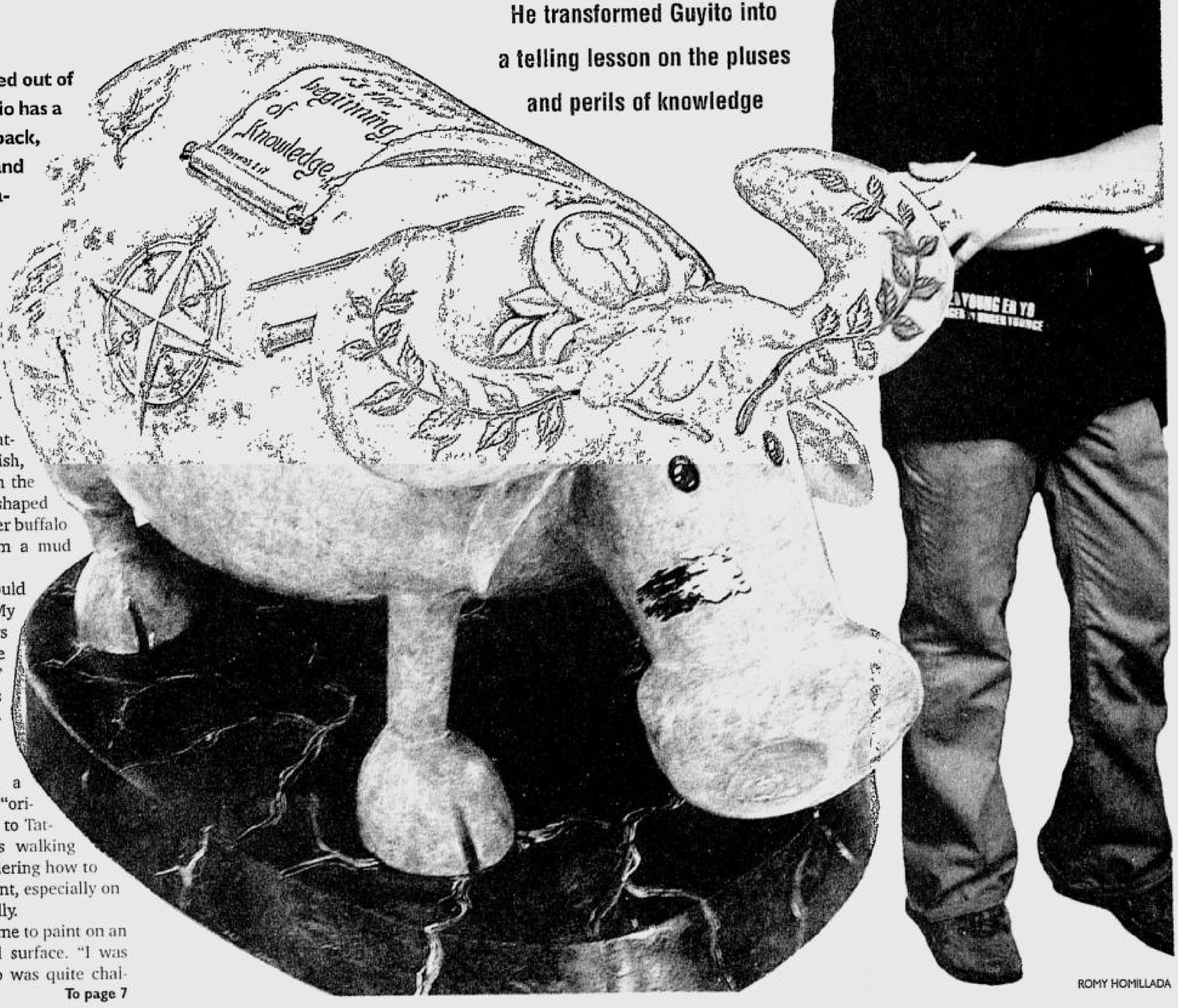
Balao's paintings have been part of six major exhibits since 2002. The most recent was "Sabachthani," a religious exhibit that brought together some of the country's established and emerging artists at the Megamall last March.

Today, Balao is happy where he is: silently popular with an emerging signature that has attracted notice and a steady following.

# Rex Tatlonghari
# A Beast Brushed By Wisdom

He transformed Guyito into a telling lesson on the pluses and perils of knowledge

*by Christian V. Esguerra*


In the beginning of Knowledge
Proverbs 1:7

ROMY HOMILLADA

**THE GUYITO that walked out of this young painter's studio has a biblical passage on its back, the world on its belly, and Einstein's theory of relativity on its rear.**

That's how the INQUIRER's sardonic and opinionated carabao mascot turned out after hibernating for about a month with Rex Tatlonghari, who, at 27, has emerged as one of the country's more exciting young visual artists.

Guyito is stamped with Tatlonghari's signature brownish, marbled surface, giving him the look of a giant carabao-shaped piece of chocolate, or a water buffalo that has just emerged from a mud pool.

But either impression would be an oversimplification. "My work is about ideas, old ways and old technology that give way to more innovation," Tatlonghari says of his work, which he titled "Origins."

### Carabao as sage

The idea of garbing a carabao with a variety of "origins" didn't come so easily to Tatlonghari. He spent nights walking around the sculpture, pondering how to dress it up, and what to paint, especially on the carabao's enormous belly.

For one, it was his first time to paint on an uneven, three-dimensional surface. "I was used to canvas, so the job was quite challenging."

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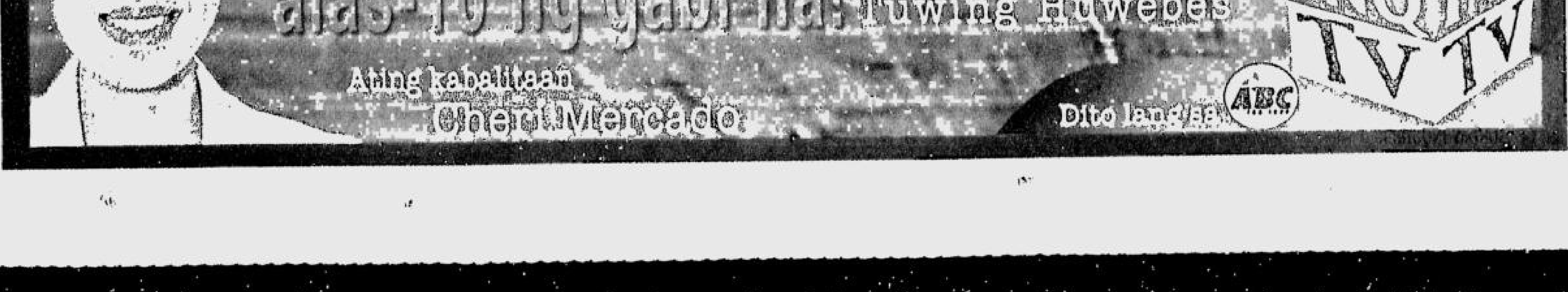
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Culture crusaders: Tara (left) and Margaret talk shop

Businesswatch

# Far-out Store Sells Fascination for the Quirky

by Ruel S. De Vera

**Margaret Guzman and Tara Illenberger's taste for the weird and the cool has given birth to The Chunky Far Flung Gallery, with its Nippon meets Noypi appeal**

**THEY may not have necessarily set out to open the coolest shop conceivable, but friends Margaret Guzman and Tara Illenberger are oh-so-fitting proprietors of The Chunky Far Flung Gallery, the far-out store with the far-out name. "It's a shop full of things that you don't need but want," Margaret says by way of explanation, which is as good a description as any for this shop that quite literally has something for everybody. "Usually, when people come in, the comment is, "*Ang* cute!""**

A riot of bright color and miniature funkiness, Chunky Far Flung is jammed full of toys, knick-knacks and odds and ends. There are new Japanese *gashapon* (capsule toys dispensed by vending machines) and vintage Jollibee mascot items. On the counter, multi-hued jackstones, Haw Flakes and Chocnut lay ensconced inside clear plastic jars that, what with the prices per piece taped onto the lids, make the counter look exactly like that of a well-lit *sari-sari* store. Among their best-selling items is a brightly-colored battery-operated transistor radio that looks exactly like the one your *lolo* used to listen to. "We had to go to the province to get those," Tara explains. It's a perfect example of the shop's Nippon plus Noypi vibe. It's like the closet of your childhood suddenly brought back through a hole in time, *baduy* and exceptional, a throwback and yet fashion-forward all at once.

### Super shops

Awaiting discovery on the second floor is a, well, gallery showcasing cutting-edge Pinoy artists. There are T-shirts and keychains and lunchboxes and glow-in-the dark Jesus figurines. That Chunky Far Flung is situated within the Marikina Shoe Expo, deep in the navel of Cubao, speaks of the vibe of Cubao X, the cluster of retro cool that founder Bong Salaveria of throwback shop Vintage Pop calls a "collective and a community of artists." A place where the unusual wares match the unusual owners, Cubao X, incongruously located amid the very same shoe stores that we visited as bewildered children accompanied by parents in search of virtually indestructible school shoes, counts among its progeny Datelines, Blacksoup Project, and Future Prospects in what adds to a Legion of Super-shops, each one not limited to one kind of merchandise.

Chunky Far Flung stands as proof of a perfect partnership of perfectly talented people. Margaret, 30, is a veteran director of music videos for the likes of Imago, Sandwich, Bayang Barrios, Barbie Almalbis: She's the one who helmed the video for Orange and Lemons' ubiquitous "Pinoy *Ako*," the theme song of the ABS-CBN reality show, "Pinoy Big Brother."

Tara, 31, is the award-winning editor of a range of films, from "*Mano Po*" and "Bridal Shower" to "*Hubog*," "*Bulaklak ng Maynila*" and "*Minsan May Isang Puso.*" From the film editing staple RoadRunner, Tara is now part of the production house GiantSponge, something she started up with some colleagues.

Between the two, Tara is the more serious one, while Margaret is the crackup. Originally from Iloilo, Tara stresses that they're not snobs—to which Margaret adds, "but we don't like the ordinary things, either." They like movies: Tara likes the dysfunctional family in "The Addams Family," while Margaret loves anything by Woody Allen. Both are graduates of the University of the Philippines in Diliman; Margaret was a Theater major and Tara is from Fine Arts. Yet they didn't meet in school. Both were working in different but related fields when they met through other friends.

### Nostalgic nexus

"We became good friends and we wanted to put up a café," Tara recalls. Last year, the two visited the Shoe Expo and effectively fell in love with the empty space that was to morph into Chunky Far Flung. That's when the two spoke with Salaveria. "He encouraged us," Tara says. "But it turns out you can't set up a café in this particular space because it would be a fire hazard."

Yet there was just something in this nexus of nostalgia that told the dynamic duo to go ahead. "We got the place anyway though we didn't know what to do with it," Tara says. It would be two months before they would actually come close to figuring it all out. "Also because it takes us too long to do anything in general," Margaret says with a laugh. They wound up just putting their toys in the window display.

That collection just grew and grew, and today partly defines Chunky Far Flung. But it goes beyond the Astro Boy by way of Araneta Center buzz. "The shop's sensibility is really Pinoy pop," Tara says. "*Ako* for one, I don't get embarrassed about how *baduy* a Pinoy can get. I'm not apologetic about Pinoy movies or that you liked 'Bagets' or Niño Muhlach when you were younger." Tara clarifies, for example, that though she doesn't really enjoy watching anime, she does like the aesthetic, and the merchandise is just awesome. They're not *otakus* by any means. "We don't know all the series our stuff is based on, but some of the customers do."

Then there's the expressed purpose of promoting the work of Filipino artists. "We really wanted to get local artists who sell bags and accessories," says Tara. So Chunky offers the wares of artists such as Elaine Bobadilla, Clint Catalan, Brendan Goco, Emman dela Cruz, Benji Belgica, Marlene and Art Hernandez. You can pick up CDs by indie acts here, along with genuine *ukay-ukay* (second-hand) finds. Though the café never happened, the gallery part stayed. There are, true to the owners' roots, short film sceernings as well.

The two run events to try and drum up business, and are certainly looking forward to their first Christmas here. When they are both out on shoots, Chunky Far Flung is closed for the day, a hit-or-miss quality added to the pot. There are plans to get even more stuff into the store, shopping trips in other countries perhaps. They just have to be good hunters. Tara, whose family used to run a grocery store and bakery back in Iloilo, says they want Chunky Far Flung to thrive and not fade away like other establishments run by artists.

### The Chunky experience

What about the bizarre name, the question that bemused visitors arrive at but are too cool to ask? "Far Flung because *malayo kami* (we're far away,)" Margaret explains. "And then Chunky because there was this comic book I liked called 'Goodbye Chunky Rice.' So I wanted to add 'Chunky.'" Just for the record, the names could have been weirder, like "*Tsubibo* (Ferris wheel)." And if that storefront seems just a little bit familiar, yes, that is the same storefront in the "Pinoy *Ako*" music video.

Both girls still dream of making their own movies some day, yet the Chunky Far Flung experience has already been illuminating, right at the point where art really does meet commerce. "I've enjoyed meeting all the different people," Tara Illenberger says. "I just enjoy the feeling of rummaging through things and finding something nice," Margaret Guzman seconds. In the meantime, the uncommon masterminds behind Chunky Far Flung continue their foraging, going wherever it takes—garage sales and unconventional outlets—searching ceaselessly for shopping that's strange and sensational.

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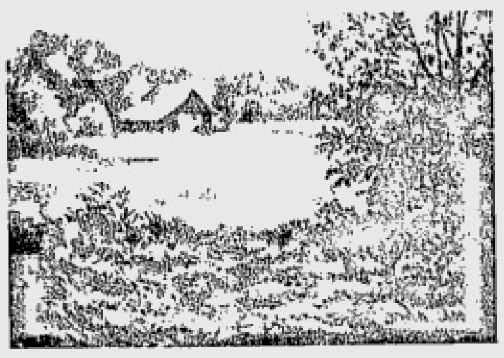
*The Chunky Far Flung Gallery is located at #38 Marikina Shoe Expo, Araneta Center, Cubao, QC. They're open from 3-9 p.m., Tuesdays to Sundays. For inquiries, call/text 0922-4858307 or 0920-8655444, or e-mail chunkyfarflung@gmail.com*

# This Week

## Art

**150 Years of Photography in Spain** shows 113 photographs depicting people, nature and architecture, resulting in a complete and chronological tour that covers all genres, until Nov. 6 at the Museum of the Filipino People, T. Valencia Circle and Finance Street, Manila. For details, call 524-3005 or 527-0278.

**Lessons from the Masters** features 56 oil paintings with video that construct a specific installation by Jevijoe Vitug, ongoing at the Bulwagang Fernando Amorsolo of the Cultural Center of the Philippines until Nov. 6. For details, call 832-3702.



"Kubo" by Norberto Villez, on view at the Food & Art Galerie

**Bulb**, a solo exhibit of large-scale photo-based oil paintings by Alvin Villaruel at Finale Art Gallery in SM Megamall A until Nov. 8.

**Tropical Samadhi**, an exhibit of figurative pieces done in acrylic by Maya Muñoz, until Nov. 8 at The Drawing Room, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City.

**Objects and Horizons** features nine oil-laden paintings of varying sizes that are offshoots from accumulated collages by Jojo Serrano. Exhibit runs until Nov. 9 at Mag:net Gallery Paseo, G/F, Paseo Center, Paseo de Roxas, corner Sedeño St., Makati City. For details, call 817-7895.

**Bal Masque**, first solo mixed media exhibit of Venetian masks by Miguel Castro at Nicotina Garden Pavilion, Roxas Boulevard service road, Pasay City (beside DFA) until Nov. 13. For details, call 721-0801, 724-1762.

**New Paintings and other Stuff**, a group show by Poklong Anading, Roberto Chabet, 'Pardo de Leon, Jet Melencio and MM Yu at Mag:net Gallery ABS, The Loop, ELJ Comm Center, ABS-CBN Compound until Nov. 12.

Food & Art Galerie at the 12/F, GT Tower, Ayala Avenue corner H.V. dela Costa Street, Makati City is holding simultaneous solo exhibits. Clarisa Navidad is holding her exhibit, **Poetic Silence**, featuring works in oil and acrylic. **Chaos Theory** showcases Aed Solis' newer style in figure set in the moods of modern social realism. **Rene Belison, 1st Solo Exhibit** features new works in landscape realism. **Lines, Walls and Stones** showcases Peachie Gonzaga's mastery in versatile mixed media art in oil and acrylic. ***Sa Nayon*** features Norberto Villez's landscapes in oil on canvas. All exhibits run until Nov. 18.

**Season of the Crow**, a multimedia exhibit by Cristina "Kitty" Taniguchi at the Gallery Shop and Gallery 2 of the Pinto Art Gallery. At Gallery 1, Rueda, Jerson Samson's recent show of oils, will be on view until Nov. 18. Pinto Gallery is located at 1 Sierra Madre Grandheights, Antipolo City. For details, call 697-1015.

Featured at Ateneo Art Gallery is the group show **Analog/ Playground: Extensions to the Graphic** by artists Ambie Abano, Virgilio Aviado, Pablo Baens Santos, Benjie Torrado Cabrera, Marina Cruz, Noell El Farol, Sid Gomez Hildawa, Eugene Jarque and Amiel Roldan until Jan. 20, 2006. For details, call 426-6488 and 426-6001.

## Music

**A Camalig Christmas**, the first-ever Kapampangan Christmas album featuring original Kapampangan Christmas songs and Kapampangan adaptations to your all-time favorite carols as performed by Jimming Bini & The Starlicks. Sales from the album will benefit the Batiauan Foundation's support fund for emerging local Kapampangan music arts. For inquiries, visit Camalig at 292 Sto. Rosario Street, Angeles City, or call (045) 322-5641/ (045) 888-1077.

Regine Velasquez will hold a concert, **Reflections**, slated on Nov. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, Dec. 9 and 10 at Aliw Theater. The concert will reflect through music her life and career as she interprets songs from her all-time idols like Barbra Streisand, Sheena Easton, Angela Bofill, Sharon Cuneta, Kuh Ledesma, Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey. For details, call 426-7531 or 926-7868.

## Onstage

The Cultural Center of the Philippines presents ***Tanghalang Bulilit*** (Children's Matinees) from Nov. 8-18 at the Tanghalang Huseng Batute featuring the following plays for children: "Myth of King Midas" (Nov. 8-9); "Si Sita at Si Rama" (Nov. 10-11); "Prinsipe ng Buwan" (Nov. 15-16), and "Prinsipe Rodante" (Nov. 17-18). Shows at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets to Tanghalang Bulilit include a guided tour of the CCP Building. Tickets at P350 with discounts for students, seniors and groups. For details, call 832-3681 or 832-1125 loc. 1802-1806.

## Cinema

The Goethe-Institut Manila presents three feature films from Germany, all with a common theme: music and the youth. **Status Yo!** is a fast-paced film that gives viewers a look at the Berlin hip-hop scene. In **The Blind Flyers**, Maria and Inga are best friends who audition for a school band in the hope of appearing on a TV show. The award-winning documentary **Rhythm Is It** chronicles the extraordinary project led by Sir Simon Rattle, chief conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, and British choreographer Royston Maldoom. The films will be shown at The Podium from Nov. 4 to 6. The series will then move on to SM Baguio from Nov. 11 to 13. Admission to all the screenings is free. For details, call 722-4671 to 73.

Philippine Playhouse's "Midas" will be shown at the CCP as part of *Tanghalang Bulilit*

## Atbp

The Asia-Pacific Film Institute is offering its second course on **Basic Film Scoring** for musicians/composers to be conducted by film composer Nonong Buencamino. Classes at 1-7 p.m. every Saturday on the following dates: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 21; Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2006; Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2006. Cost of tuition is P20,000. Requirements include accomplishment of APFI on-line application form, submission of applicant's music portfolio inclusive of CD/VCD copy of original compositions and arrangements (selected best works); samples of scored materials (if any), character reference, personal interview with Nonong Buencamino. Students shall be required to bring their midi sequencer set ups. For details, log on to www.asiapacificfilm.com or call 725-2239.

Sinag Arts Foundation will hold the **ABC of Sounds**, a three-day hands-on workshop for beginners on the following dates: A: Building Blocks of Sound on Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; B: db, EQ, Clipping, Distortion, *Ano ba yun?*, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; C: Let us Create Sounds! (Sound recording, Mixing, etc.), Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. To be facilitated by Jonjon Villareal, Peta's resident lighting designer, technical director and sound engineer. Workshop fee is P3, 000 inclusive of materials and lunch. Early Bird Promo: P2,500 for those who will submit their application and reserve before Sept. 30. For inquiries, call 531-3491; telefax: 531-9524. Sinag Arts is located at 664 San Ignacio St., Barangay Plainview, Mandaluyong City.

Three-tiered fondant cakes will be featured at the Patio Victoria Bridal Fair

Patio Victoria, the elegant weddings' venue located at 5435 Gen. Luna corner Victoria Streets, Intramuros, Manila will hold **Milestone at Patio Victoria Bridal Fair** on Nov. 12 and 13. The fair will feature a variety of suppliers for wedding gowns, accessories, catering, cakes, flowers, photo and video services, bridal cars, salon services, invitations, souvenirs, sound system, balloon decors, chocolate fountains and many more. A buffet showcasing Patio Victoria's cuisine will be offered to guests for a minimal amount. It will also launch its One Stop Bridal Shop during the fair. For inquiries, call 527-8006, 523-9640, 526-1953, or log on to www.patiovictoria.com.

Attention all **'87 Malate High School** graduates. Malate Catholic School High School Batch 1987 will have their **20th anniversary reunion.** Please contact Dennis Gernale at 0919-4592248 for details.

## X-manila

The Philippine College for the Advancement of Medicine is organizing the **4th National Conference and Exhibition on Alternative Medicine** from Nov. 13-16 at Subic International Hotel, Olongapo City. The theme of the conference is "The Power of Natural Healing" which will tackle topics on cancer cures, live cell therapy, iridology, natural health therapies, herbal medicines, self-healing, muscle testing and body works, among others. Companies who wish to exhibit natural health products may contact the secretariat at 373-2141 or 411-8450.

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- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
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The final Guyito has the serious, intelligent look of a sage, much like the poet Balagtas with the laureate crowning the horns. The body has become a three-dimensional exposition of science, history and religion.

On the beast's nape is a huge key enclosed in what appears to be a glass-covered round casing. It's the artist's way of saying that indeed, ideas are the key to great things and possibilities.

There's a ship's wheel containing a view of the world, particularly the Philippine archipelago in the vast Pacific Ocean. It's on the left of the mascot's plump frame.

The world, for Tatlonghari, is the setting of all human learning, and the ocean is just as wide as the possibility of acquiring knowledge.

The wheel, together with a navigational symbol on the opposite side of the sculpture, is symbolic of people's ability to chart their course based on what they already know and what they'll still pick up along the way, explains Tatlonghari.

The artist also painted Guyito with an abacus, a constellation, a telescope directed toward the moon, and a scene of the Wright brothers making their groundbreaking flight—all symbols of our curious first strides towards new knowledge that opened the doors to succeeding generations.

### Dangerous

But Tatlonghari also paints his wariness of knowledge falling into the wrong hands. "It's dangerous, it could lead to destruction," he warns. Scrawled just above Guyito's derriere is Albert Einstein's famous E=mc2 formula, an apparent show of the artist's disgust over the misuse of knowledge for destructive and dehumanizing ends. The dropping of the atom bomb over Hiroshima and Nagasaki could not have happened without political aggression—and the generous aid of science, he adds.

The Christian perspective also finds space on the mascot's back on a scroll where Proverbs 1:17 is inscribed: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."

For Tatlonghari, the passage bears much significance today in this predominantly Catholic country of seemingly endless crises and controversies. "If only Filipinos would have a genuine fear of the Lord, perhaps our situation would have been much better than it is now."

Tatlonghari prefers not to hide his symbolisms in confusion or abstraction. The abacus, for instance, is as real and familiar as the real thing. You can almost grab the scroll and feel the coarseness of the moon's surface.

Realism, the palpable reality of human experience, appeals best to Tatlonghari, a college undergraduate from Malolos, Bulacan, whose skills could well give him a master's degree in the visual arts.

Tatlonghari did not take painting seriously until college. Since then, however, he has won at least 14 important awards, including the top prize in the First GSIS National Painting Competition-Professional Category in 2004 and the Metrobank Young Painters' Annual two years earlier. His works have been shown in some of the most important exhibits here and abroad, including the Asia Art Festival in South Korea last year.

For all his influences, the young artist wants to be known as his own man, with his own signature. His work on Guyito, soon to be on display with those of some of the country's top artists, may just move him more firmly toward that direction.

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Love Notes

# The Junction Between Love and Career

*Now, I suffer inside because I can only hide my feelings for my student. It is forbidden for us teachers to become intimately involved with our students*

*Dear Joe,*

*I am already 23, but I have never had an intimate relationship with anyone. As others would playfully call it, NBSB—"No Boyfriend Since Birth"—though I had once fallen very much in love. Now that I've graduated and am working as a teacher in a prestigious school here in our country, I am still searching for my soon-to-be partner in life. I had never been attracted to anyone else after my "first love"—until now.*

*It started when I received an anonymous text message asking me if it was bad to fall in love with a teacher. I never considered that it was from Oishi, a former student of mine who decided to stop schooling last year. We met again last summer vacation, when all my students who had dropped out from school, just like him, wanted to see me. Because of an unexpected circumstance, two of them stayed at my house the whole night. I had this feeling that I wanted to have him as my younger brother, since I don't have one.*

*I was surprised when he enrolled in my class the following school year. I learned that he went back to school because he had been inspired by my words and advice. We became close friends. Though I had a crush on him, I only felt love for him when he expressed his love for me. He told me he has loved me ever since he saw me last summer.*

*Now, I suffer inside because I can only hide my feelings for my student. It is forbidden for us teachers to become intimately involved with our students. I really want to let him know what he deserves to know.*

*Please help me. What must I do? Do I really need to keep this love to myself and not let Oishi know how I feel for him? Will I just let him suffer by pretending that I don't love him in return? I really love my job and my teaching career. But how far must I go to protect my name, credibility and professional ethics, at the expense of my happiness and freedom?*

*Ayel*

Dear Ayel,

I was hoping you would mention how old Oishi is. At this point, that would be relevant, of course. A five-year difference would not matter much, but an eight-year difference would be a little awkward, if not unacceptable.

I found your story interesting, not because student-teacher relationships are quite controversial, but because it strongly points out why love sometimes becomes a choice between the good that we stand to lose and the happiness that we hope to gain. You have a very good career, which unfortunately prohibits you from having an intimate relationship with any of your students. I believe that this is a valid and justifiable stand that schools take to protect the interest of their students.

Now you are caught between someone you feel so strongly about and a career that you stand to lose once you follow your heart. This is the junction of your life, when you have to decide which road to take—the road that will give you the opportunity to find happiness in love, or the road that will give you fulfillment in your career. A choice has to be made, because circumstances at present don't give you the liberty to take both, and mix love and career at the same time.

Ayel, love is a good feeling, but sometimes, our feelings can be very misleading. You have to examine your heart and find out how much love you have for this young man, and how much you are willing to sacrifice for this love. Once you have weighed your emotions, then pray for guidance in making the right choice.

You may or may not find what you are looking for, because it is not love alone but commitment that gives a guarantee of permanence to a relationship. Let us always remember that it is when we are ready to sacrifice for the people we care about that love becomes meaningful, and it is when we are ready to totally commit our lives to someone that love brings hope and the promise of a beautiful forever.

Survivors' Tales

*by Joy Rojas*

# Like A Tornado, He Can't Keep Still—and that's what Got Him Places

**Even as a child, Peter Mallonga knew he wasn't just reckless or plain stupid. When he realized he had Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder, this Community Development major founded a society and support group for people who suffer from this little known yet widespread disorder**

**ON the day of this interview, Peter Mallonga arrives at the venue 30 minutes early—pretty good, considering how he once showed up a day in advance for a conference, and most recently, at the tail end of a wedding reception where he was expected to walk down the aisle as one of the sponsors. Meetings with Mallonga usually find him sweeping the floor ("Go ahead," he assures those in attendance, "I'm listening"), serving the group, or cleaning up after them. Today apparently is an exception.**

"Right now I'm very conscious that I have to speak to you," he says with a chuckle. "That's why I'm trying very hard to sit down."

He admits to being nervous, but his fidgeting, as well as his forgetfulness and inability to sit still, are a result of his Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder, a neurological developmental disability characterized by inattention and being impulsive and hyperactive. AD/HD is one of the most common yet least understood conditions among children. An estimated three to five percent of kids aged 0-14 have it. A hereditary disorder, AD/HD affects more males than females. US President John F. Kennedy was said to have had the condition, as did genius Albert Einstein.

Now referred to by its acronym, AD/HD was known by many other names, when Mallonga first exhibited its tell-tale signs as an elementary school student at the Ateneo de Manila University. "*Makulit*" described his curious habit of transferring seats as often as eight times in class, regardless of whether his chair of choice was occupied or not. "Sometimes I'd be attending classes in the corridor," says Mallonga, who likens his uncontrollable "antics" to those of the mischievous cartoon character Dennis the Menace.

The fifth of eight kids and one of three brothers who manifested AD/HD-like tendencies, Mallonga "already knew there was something wrong with me early on." Yet they shrugged off his running, pushing, and elbow nudging as "normal." While some teachers channeled his boundless energy to productive chores like picking up pieces of paper or going out for some chalk, others were not amused, and concluded that his inability to finish exams or assignments meant that he was "stupid," "*bobo*" and "*tamad*." "And I grew up thinking I was that way," says Mallonga.

### Inherent intelligence

If teachers at Marist School, where Mallonga finished his elementary and high school, tolerated his behavior, it was because his mother Consolacion was the principal; thereafter, the young man was on his own. Shifting between brilliance and reckless abandon, he aced his college entrance exams at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, only to be permanently dismissed a semester later for pulling in poor grades and coming to class either stoned or drunk. It was the same story at De La Salle University and Ateneo, where he lasted three semesters and two years, respectively.

Disillusioned, Mallonga moved to Cotabato, where he took on odd jobs with the Marist brothers. Of course, it didn't take long for his employers to discover his inherent intelligence and insight. Asked to give his two cents' worth in an outreach program for tribes, Mallonga, who was the group's driver, expressed his opinion, to the astonishment of organizers. "From then I was promoted from maintenance man to assistant coordinator," he says. Tasked to handle the teacher-training program for tribes, Mallonga knew that in order to be effective in his new job, he would have to go back to school. Deciding to major in community development, the student who was permanently dismissed from UP was accepted on presidential discretion at the state university's Diliman branch.

This time, Mallonga finished the four-year course (albeit with two extra years), an achievement he attributes to the help of classmates who proved to be true friends. "Each time I'd stand up and try to leave the classroom, they'd pull me back inside," says Mallonga, who also completed his master's degree in special education at UP, and courses in social welfare and care for special children from the Asahigawaso Social Welfare Institute in Okayama, Japan, and special education from the University of Oslo in Norway.

An asset during group projects, he came up with innovative ideas that classmates would put down in writing. Although turbulent political times prevented him from returning to Mindanao, he would apply his organization skills to founding the Eucharistiana Center for Special Children after being asked to tutor an autistic child.

### Condition confirmed

It was while working with doctors at the Philiippine General Hospital's Multidisciplinary Child and Adolescent Unit that Mallonga first heard about AD/HD. Though no formal tests have yet confirmed his condition or the fact that he may have an imbalance of the neurotransmitter dopamine, the brain chemical which controls movement, emotional response and the capacity to feel pleasure and pain, Mallonga consistently exhibits most of AD/HD's symptoms, and then some.

Drawn to thrills, he recalls how he used to cross a bridge in San Mateo by walking without a care in the world on its narrow ledge. "I can also take seven cups of coffee and sleep like a log," he says. "And once I got stitched up without anesthesia by my father who's a medical doctor." Surprised when other people came forward with their own AD/HD experiences, he thought it timely to co-organize the first National AD/HD Conference in October 2000.

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As an immediate offshoot of the conference, the AD/HD Society of the Philippines has in its last five years done much to address the growing needs of this little-known yet widespread condition.

In 2002, it lobbied for the availability of Ritalin, one of the popular medications of AD/HD, at a reasonable price "and under compassionate use." A year later, it secured from President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Proclamation 472, declaring every third week of October as National AD/HD Awareness Week. The recently concluded Third AD/HD Awareness Week featured a fun run, a school awareness caravan for private school administrators, and a public school seminar on managing AD/HD with discipline, love and confidence.

Families, however, seem most grateful for the support groups and the specific skills training on how to handle a person with AD/HD that the society provides. "We went around to as far as Batangas to talk to parents, and most of them cry when they tell us their problems," says Mallonga. "They feel desperate and helpless, they don't know what's wrong or what to do."

### Not an excuse

Medication, as a Primer on AD/HD suggests, should only serve as part of treatment. If an individual with AD/HD is to get by in life, it is with the long-term and vigilant discipline and monitoring of parents, teachers, caregivers, siblings and friends. Which is not to say that AD/HD should be used as an excuse for unfinished schoolwork or errant behavior. "We're not asking for special treatment," says AD/HD Society of the Philippines PRO and former broadcaster Dada Lorenzana-Santiago, whose 11-year-old son suffers from AD/HD. "Just some cooperation from the schools to manage our children's condition."

Age reportedly diminishes hyperactivity, but for Mallonga, now 47, it was also love that contributed significantly to his mellowing. "*Marami* (a lot)," he says with a self-conscious grin when asked what he liked about Karina (Kyen) Quimpo, his wife of 17 years, whom he met when the two majored in community development. "Without her, I wouldn't have graduated. And she was always there."

For Kyen, it was Peter's constant presence coupled with his unusual courtship style that made him a memorable suitor to say the least. "When we were in college, he would come to the house with *kalabasa* and chicken from Mindoro. What guy would do that for you?"

As luck would have it, Mallonga attracted his ultimate complement, a woman who is as organized and focused as he is not. If he comes up with an idea, she will write it in a project proposal; when he butts in or dominates a conversation, she will interrupt by gently holding his hand. At the Infant Jesus Academy, the Mallongas' family-owned school in Marikina, where they are members of the Management Committee, it is Kyen who oversees all on-campus tasks left unfinished by Peter.

At home, her husband transfers beds at least thrice, and jabs her with his elbow in the middle of the night. Has Kyen ever lost her cool?

"She has!" pipes in Peter with a laugh. "I do!" seconds Kyen. "But I guess it's not really that bad. And he's kind and generous. And very thoughtful—if he can remember!"

### New ideas

The Mallongas live in a "very, very clean home," not so much because of Peter's incessant sweeping, but "because he cannot stand mess," says his wife. "It distracts him." The two are parents to 15-year-old Mariel and Marcel, who's 4. True to his nature to be constantly on the move, Mallonga is also connected with a support clinic for children and has just opened a consultancy firm for school administrators.

On weekends, he likes the rush of riding horses in San Mateo and taking care of the family's pets. If he's tired, he doesn't feel it. But Kyen fears for the day when her husband finds himself with nothing to do. "Because that means he will come up with new ideas!" she exclaims.

Oh, but he already has. When Kyen hinted that she would like to retire in her native Kalibo, Aklan someday, her husband said, "What are you going to do when you retire?" and founded an Infant Jesus Academy branch there. An orphanage and home for the aged are other institutions he would like to establish in the future. "And I would like to raise pigs!" he adds with a hearty laugh.

With enough ideas and enthusiasm in him to last maybe 10 lifetimes, Mallonga probably wouldn't know what to do should he suddenly be stripped of his AD/HD. "Would you be as interesting?" chides his wife.

"Actually, I'm very grateful," he says. "I don't regret what I've been through." The upside of AD/HD, he adds, is "speeding past all the time." Says Mallonga: "You're like a tornado because your mind is always shifting. That's why it's true what Kyen said: It's scary when I'm not doing anything. Because who knows what I could think of next?"